

NEWS ALERT



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Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center Closed

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is closing Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center on Friday, and until further notice, after a Town of Bay Harbor Islands employee tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus).

At 10:15pm on Thursday, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands advised the District of the diagnosis, which has been confirmed by the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH). The individual, who works at an aftercare program located in the Town's community center, interacted with students who attend that program.

After consulting with the FDOH, the District made the decision to close the school. Parents and employees have been advised of the closure and are being instructed not to come to school. The Health Department will be providing additional information on Friday. Questions related to this confirmed case of coronavirus can be directed to the FDOH at 305-324-2400.

The District has been preparing for the possibility of school closures. The families of Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor students will be contacted to begin distance learning. The instructional continuity plan (ICP), which has been developed and shared with teachers across M-DCPS, can be found at <http://icp.dadeschools.net/>. A support hotline has been established for those seeking assistance with distance learning. The number for the hotline, which is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., is 305-995-HELP.

The District's Employee Assistance Program is available to support the well-being of M-DCPS employees. That program can be accessed by calling 305-995-7111.

M-DCPS continues to closely monitor all developments and is following guidance from the FDOH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Florida Department of Education, and other local, state, and federal entities to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our students and employees.

The District's latest updates will be posted at <http://covid19.dadeschools.net/> and those with questions should call the District's hotline at 305-995-3000. You can also remain connected by downloading the Dadeschools mobile app to your iPhone or Android device or on social media by following us on Twitter [@mdcps](https://twitter.com/mdcps) and [@miamisup](https://twitter.com/miamisup), on Instagram [@miamischools](https://www.instagram.com/miamischools) and [@miamisup](https://www.instagram.com/miamisup), and on Facebook at [MiamiSchools](https://www.facebook.com/MiamiSchools) and [AlbertoCarvalho](https://www.facebook.com/AlbertoCarvalho).

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