



POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Pottsgrove Families,

As part of our district's Health & Safety Plan communications protocol, we are providing the following advisory.

On Monday, November 16th, we were made aware that an individual(s) in the High School were a confirmed positive for the COVID-19 virus. The individual(s) are currently following the guidance of the Montgomery County Department of Health, the PA Department of Health (DOH) and are self-quarantined at home.

If you or your student was identified as a primary exposure, please expect to receive additional notification and information from the Office of Public Health of Montgomery County. If you did not receive a communication regarding next steps to take then you/your child was not identified as having exposure through contact tracing.

For more information on the definition of primary exposure/close contact, please visit the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) website: [CDC close contact definition](#).

We appreciate your ongoing understanding and patience as we continue to work together to ensure our staff, students, and community remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary DeRenzo, Director of Community Relations

OPTIONAL INFORMATION FOR STAFF

Here are the facts regarding student case that are appropriate to share:

- The students last attended school on **DATE**.
- The student(s) became aware that they had a potential close contact of someone who has since tested positive on **DATE**.
- The students were tested on **DATE** and were deemed to be positive for COVID-19 on **DATE**.
- All individuals that were in close contact (6 feet or less for more than 15 minutes) have been quarantined.

In following our protocols, we have consulted with the Department of Public Health of Montgomery County to provide immediate assistance in completing contact tracing. As a reminder, and per their recommendations close contact is considered interaction between two or more individuals in a space less than 6 feet apart for more than 15 minutes.

It is important in this case to note the following:

- In this instance, the initial exposures occurred **outside** of the school setting.

Custodial and maintenance staff did a thorough cleaning of the affected classrooms as per their schedule the evening of the **DATE** and a deep clean of the classes on **DATE**.