



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Friday, November 6, 2020

Dear Families,

Re: Positive Case at Bethel Park High School

Last night, Bethel Park School District was notified that an employee at the high school had tested positive for COVID-19. Like the other cases in the high school over the past few weeks, the most recent case was unrelated to in-school transmission and involved extremely limited contact with other staff or students.

In accordance with the District's health and safety protocols, the individual has immediately begun to quarantine and will remain isolated at home for at least the next two weeks until their symptoms have passed and they have been cleared by a medical professional as being no longer contagious.

Per the Allegheny County Health Department, due to the unrelated nature of the cases, as well Bethel Park School District's ongoing cleaning efforts, there is no additional impact at this time. **Students in the A Group will return to school as scheduled on Monday, November 9, 2020; and the SAT testing scheduled to be held tomorrow morning, Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the high school will continue as planned.** However, because of District's continued cleaning efforts, all other building-related activities have been canceled this weekend.

Anyone considered to have been in close contact with that individual has been informed of the situation and has been instructed to follow the mandatory quarantine at home protocols for two weeks. Please be aware that quarantining in this situation does not necessarily mean that these other individuals have tested positive for COVID-19. It simply means that they may have been exposed to the virus, and therefore they must remain quarantined in order to avoid potentially spreading it to others.

If you have not been contacted with specific instructions, it means that you or your student have not met the minimum exposure threshold in the District's health and protocols and therefore should consider yourself relatively unimpacted by this news.

As a reminder, if you or a child in your care test positive for the coronavirus, you must inform your school nurse or school administration as soon as possible and begin isolating immediately.

We encourage parents and guardians to continue monitoring their children closely for symptoms. As a reminder, if your child exhibits any of the symptoms below, please contact our Pandemic Response Team at covidquestions@bphawks.org, as well as your healthcare provider.



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COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please continue to follow all mandated social distancing and personal safety practices, including wearing proper and approved face-coverings, maintaining at least six feet of personal distance from others whenever possible, proper hand-washing for at least 20 seconds each time, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently-used or shared spaces, items, and surfaces.

We remain very appreciative of your attention to the safety procedures and precautions of the Bethel Park School District, and your commitment to preserving our in-person educational pathways.

Sincerely,

Joseph C Dimperio, Ph.D.
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