



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 15, 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Washington Elementary School staff member tests positive for COVID-19; In-person instruction expected to resume March 18

Today, a staff member at George Washington Elementary School reported testing positive for COVID-19. They were last in school, March 11. This latest case will have no impact on Washington Elementary School's operational status, which is currently in full-remote learning with students still expected to return to in-person learning on Thursday, March 18.

Also, a full-time remote learner at Independence Middle School has reported testing positive for COVID-19, but that will have no impact on that school's operational status as that student is not known to have been in close contact with any other Bethel Park students.

In accordance with Bethel Park School District's health and safety protocols, the individual will remain isolated at home until his or her symptoms have passed and he or she has been cleared by a medical professional as being no longer contagious.

Anyone who is considered to have been in close contact with the individual has been informed of the situation and has been instructed to follow the required quarantine at home protocols for 10 days. 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 to avoid potentially spreading it to others.

If you have not been contacted with specific instructions, it means that you or your student has not been exposed to COVID-19 through the student and therefore should continue as scheduled without interruption.

Please note that for transparency reasons, our [COVID-19 dashboard](#), which is located on the District's website, lists all reported case counts involving Bethel Park School District students and staff, regardless of their educational pathway. A separate graphic at the bottom of the page lists the number of active cases among in-person learners and staff. Communications are sent out only when we have active cases of students or staff who have reported to any of our schools or if there is a change in any of our schools' operational status.

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. Going forward, our families will have an even greater level of responsibility to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus in Bethel Park schools.

Sincerely,

James Walsh, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Bethel Park School District