



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 15, 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Positive COVID-19 tests reported at multiple Bethel Park schools

Over the past two days, multiple Bethel Park students reported testing positive for COVID-19. The impacted schools included:

- Bethel Park High School (1 in-person instruction learner, 1 remote learner)
- Independence Middle School (1 staff member)
- Lincoln Elementary School (1 remote learner)
- Penn Elementary School (1 in-person instruction learner)

In all, a staff member and four District students, including two in-person instruction students, reported testing positive for COVID-19. They were each last in school, April 14.

In accordance with Bethel Park School District's health and safety protocols, the individuals will remain isolated at home until their symptoms have passed and they have been cleared by a medical professional as being no longer contagious.

Anyone who is considered to have been in close contact with the individuals 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. Communications are sent out only when 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