



BETHEL PARK

S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Dear Families,

Re: George Washington Elementary School to Close on Monday and Tuesday

This is an update to the letter originally sent on Saturday, Nov. 14: Due to a second COVID-19 diagnosis reported to school administrators earlier today, George Washington Elementary School will be temporarily closed until Wednesday, Nov. 18. **Washington students in the hybrid learning track will learn remotely on Monday and Tuesday.**

In accordance with the District's health and safety protocols, two or more positive cases in a building within a two week period necessitates that the school close for at least five days. Washington's five day closure began on Thursday evening because all students learn remotely on Fridays.

We have reached out to those who may have been in close contact with the staff member involved in this latest case. Close contact is defined as spending 15 minutes or more within six feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. 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 safety protocols.

With the holiday season upon us, some experts are warning that positivity rates could increase. Should we be compelled to close schools and shift to remote learning, the District will provide notification in a timely manner, so that families may plan accordingly. However, as this latest case further demonstrates, the situation can change rapidly as the District receives new information.

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, and regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently-used or shared spaces, items, and surfaces.

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.

Sincerely,

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