



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) considers the health and well-being of students and staff a priority. With that in mind, we are sending this letter home to all parents/guardians for your awareness. We have been alerted that an individual at \_\_\_\_\_ has been diagnosed with COVID-19. DOH recommends that the school follow federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations to ensure that the person diagnosed with COVID-19 follows instructions for isolation and remains away from others until they can safely return to the school setting.

Any student who has been identified as a [close contact](#) of the individual diagnosed with COVID-19 has been notified of their close contact status *prior* to the distribution of this letter. If you did not receive that notification, **your student is NOT a close contact** of the individual diagnosed with COVID-19 and does **not need to quarantine at home or to be tested**. However, we do recommend that you continue to monitor your child each day for [symptoms](#). If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, please:

1. Contact their healthcare provider immediately;
2. Follow testing and isolation instructions described at [DOH COVID-19 Symptoms & Testing](#) and at [CDC Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools](#); and
3. Notify the school immediately, if they test positive for COVID-19.

We also encourage you to visit [COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#) for additional information for ways to keep your school community safe. CDC also provides additional information about [COVID-19 and Schools and Child Care Programs](#).

DOH will continue to provide regular updates as needed and will provide prompt notification of any COVID-19 or other health-related concerns that require your attention. You may contact DOH by calling 1-877-PA-HEALTH with questions and concerns. You also may contact the school at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or visit their website at \_\_\_\_\_ for school specific updates.

Please be assured that we are committed to facilitating an optimal learning experience and ensuring the safety of all Pennsylvanians.

Sincerely,

The Pennsylvania Department of Health