



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