



November 5, 2020

Dear West York Families:

This communication is being sent to the entire West York Community.

**On Thursday, November 5, 2020, the Administration was informed that the District has a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Wallace Elementary and one at the High School. Our investigation and contact tracing concluded that these cases originated from exposure outside of the District.**

The District has contacted those who may have been in close contact with each of these cases and has advised them to quarantine, per guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH).

The PADOH recommends using 15 consecutive minutes of exposure at a distance of 6 feet or less as an operational definition for “close contact.” However, there are circumstances when someone should be considered a close contact of a case after being within 6 feet for less than 15 consecutive minutes. Recent changes to the guidelines include looking at additional factors when assessing close contact such as being in extremely close proximity (e.g., face to face), or the infected person exhibiting symptoms.

**At this time, Wallace Elementary and the West York Area High School will remain open.** We will continue to monitor these cases and other current cases, and we will let everyone know should the situations warrant additional measures.

Throughout the pandemic, our District has been in contact with the PADOH, and we developed our District Health and Safety Plan in compliance with the guidance provided. We will continue with our cleaning and disinfecting processes to ensure all impacted areas are properly sanitized.

I can't stress enough the importance of contacting your building school nurse immediately if you, your child(ren), or anyone in your household are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been tested for the virus.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school nurse. Contact information for school nurses can be found in the [family packet](#). All future communication regarding confirmed cases will be sent to the entire West York Community.

Your confidence in the District is appreciated, and we will continue to communicate updates on this and all COVID-19-related situations as appropriate.

Sincerely,  
**Todd M. Davies**  
Superintendent of Schools

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever (100 or higher)</li><li>• Cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath</li><li>• Difficulty breathing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Runny nose/congestion</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• New lack of smell or taste</li><li>• Muscle pain</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Diarrhea</li></ul>