



October 19, 2020

Dear West York Families:

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

On Monday, October 19, 2020, Administration was informed that the West York Area Middle School has a confirmed case of COVID-19. Due to privacy requirements, we cannot release the name of the individual or details that may identify the individual.

The District has contacted those who may have been in close contact with the positive cases and has advised them to quarantine, per guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADoH). Close contact is defined as any individual who was within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated.

At this time, the West York Area Middle School will remain open. We will continue to monitor the situation, and we will let everyone know should the situation 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.

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

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