



September 7, 2020

West York Parents and Guardians:

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

On Monday evening, September 7, 2020, the District was informed that the Middle School has two positive cases of COVID-19. **Due to privacy requirements, we cannot release the names of the individuals or details that may identify the individuals.**

The District has contacted faculty/staff and families of students who may have been in close contact with these positive cases and has advised them to quarantine, per guidance from the 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, per the guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and based on the guidelines listed below, the Middle School will remain open.

Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19			
It is important to note that a significant and/or widespread outbreak may require moving to a more remote-based instructional model more quickly. DOH will provide proactive consultative assistance to school entities should such an outbreak occur.			
Level of Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day Period		
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building OR <5% of total number of students/staff in a school building are cases OR Multiple school buildings with individual cases who are not household contacts	5+ students/staff in same school building OR ≥5% of total number of students/ staff in a school building are cases OR Multiple school buildings with 2-4 cases who are not household contacts
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School does not need to close Clean area(s) where case spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 3-5 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 14 days* Clean entire school(s) Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School does not need to close Clean area(s) where case spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 5-7 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 5-7 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Substantial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOH and PDE recommend a full remote learning model for all schools in a county with a substantial level of community transmission 		
<small>*When an entire school is recommended to close, lengths of closure time will vary by level of community transmission and the number of cases. This allows public health staff the necessary time to complete case investigations and contact tracing, and to provide schools with other appropriate public health advice like cleaning and disinfecting.</small>			

Throughout the pandemic, our District and Building Administration have been in contact with the PADOH, and we have taken measures to create our District Health and Safety Plan in compliance with the guidance provided. We will continue with our strict cleaning and disinfecting processes to ensure all impacted areas are properly sanitized.

It is imperative that you contact 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. Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns regarding this situation.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies
Superintendent of Schools