



December 21, 2020

Good Afternoon Central Elementary School Families:

Hampton Township School District was notified that a student at Central Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. The District conducted contact tracing and informed any individual who may have come in close contact with the student to implement a 10-day quarantine. A close contact is defined as any individual within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.

As you will recall, we notified families last week about an individual that worked at Central Elementary who tested positive for COVID-19. After careful examination, it was determined that these two cases are **entirely unrelated** and do not suggest school community spread. However, because these two individuals were present in the building within a rolling 14-day period, the District has determined, in direct consultation with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), and out of an abundance of caution, that **Central Elementary will transition to remote learning tomorrow, Tuesday, December 22**. Central Students will engage in learning remotely with instructional activities **beginning at 10:30 am**. The school day will conclude at 1:30 pm as previously planned. The kindergarten morning session will run from 10:30 am - 11:35 am, and the afternoon session from 12:25 pm - 1:30 pm. The District will utilize tomorrow and the winter break to continue to further clean and sanitize the areas where the individuals were present.

The District would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together during these challenging times. Even if you are not notified that your child was in close contact with the identified student, we ask that you please follow the guidelines below for the next 14 days.

1. Take your child(ren)'s temperature once daily to check for fever (100 degrees or higher).
2. Watch for other symptoms of COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
3. Wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from any person outside the home.
4. Practice the following hygiene measures:
  - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
  - Cover any coughs or sneezes with an elbow, not hands.
  - Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, and other frequently touched items.
5. Be aware of any persons in your household who may be at higher risk of getting COVID-19, including the elderly, immunocompromised, or those with another condition or illness such as diabetes or asthma. You and your child should practice physical distancing around those persons.
6. If the Allegheny County Health Department or its representatives contact you, please cooperate with monitoring and follow all instructions so that other people do not become sick.

If you or any household members develop symptoms of COVID-19 or have symptoms worsen, please notify the Allegheny County Health Department immediately at 888-856-2774, contact a health care provider, and notify the school nurse. Before seeking medical attention, let the health care provider know about the possible exposure to a case of COVID-19.

You can find more information on the symptoms of COVID-19 on the [Allegheny County Health Department](#) website. If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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