

February 19, 2021

Dear New Brighton Area School District Families,

Today the District was informed of four (4) students in the New Brighton Elementary School who are positive or probable positives for Covid19. The District has been working to identify any students or staff who had close contact with this individual. We are in contact with the PA Department of Health, and will be supporting them in their work.

The PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education require us to consider a short-term closure based on the state required closure matrix; as referenced in my January 12, 2021 letter to the District, which can be found on our website under the Return to School 2020-2021 tab. These are our second (2nd) through fifth (5th) cases in a 14-day window in the Elementary School. The PADOH has required us to close for four (4) days, so **New Brighton Elementary School** will be closed Saturday, February 20, 2021 through Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and will re-open on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

As a result of the positive cases, we have taken the following actions:

- New Brighton Elementary School will operate in Full Virtual on Monday & Tuesday, February 22 & 23, 2021 under the direction of the PADOH.
- Contacted the PA Department of Health for further guidance.
- Cleaned and disinfected locations visited by the individuals who tested positive.
- Identified individuals who had close contact with the infected individual and communicated directly with them on their next steps, which could include a 14-day quarantine.

Please note that personal information about the individual, including his/her name, is confidential to protect patient privacy. We are sending our best wishes to this member of our school community.

We will continue to make every effort to keep the New Brighton Area School District students and staff safe as we work to mitigate the risk of contracting Covid19. We ask your support in these efforts by monitoring your child's health, keeping him/her home from school or activities if he/she is feeling ill for any reason, and communicating with your family physician when symptoms necessitate further scrutiny.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wash hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces and wear a mask in public, including in school. We face this challenging situation together, and we are grateful for your continued support of our school district.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Guarino, Ed.D.
Superintendent