



FRAZIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

The district received notification this weekend of a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 in our middle school building. Working closely with the PA Department of Health, and due to the last time that the positive case was physically in the building, it was concluded that there were no students, or staff that were considered to be in close contact of the infected individual. Contact tracing is the process of identifying, notifying, and monitoring anyone who came in close contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes or more) with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were infectious (2 days before onset of symptoms until the end of the person's isolation period).

It was also concluded that this case will not count towards the district's positive case count which determines the need for closing and mitigation.

At the present time, all schools will remain open and in session for face-to-face instruction.

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Health 2020-PAHAN-538-12-4-ALT

- DOH is providing options to shorten quarantine for contacts of persons with SARS-CoV-2 infection. The most protective recommended quarantine period remains at 14 days post exposure. Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing **if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.**
- When testing resources are sufficient, quarantine can end after day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (e.g., RT-PCR, antigen) tests negative and is collected on day 5 or thereafter and the person remains asymptomatic.
- Quarantine may not be further shortened beyond the end of day 7.
- Testing of symptomatic persons seeking evaluation for infection must be prioritized over testing for early discontinuation of quarantine.
- These updated recommendations are for the community at large and **do not apply to healthcare settings.**
- If you have questions about this guidance, please call your local health department or **1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).**

Sincerely,

William R. Henderson III