

Dear Onondaga Parents and Guardians,

The District was notified by the Onondaga County Health Department that we have one remote learning student at the elementary who has tested positive for COVID-19. The exposure happened **outside of school** and this time the positive case is not from in-school exposure.

I was made aware of this information in conjunction with the parents and the County Health Department. The Department of Health began its investigation and then provided the school district with official notification. Out of an abundance of caution, they have advised the parents and school district to quarantine the two remote learners and the two Rockwell ES students who have been in contact with the remote learner that tested positive. All of those families impacted have been notified. As the contact tracing progresses, we will share updates from the county with the staff and the community.

The in-person learning students impacted were last in attendance on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The County Health Department has identified and notified individuals considered to be in close contact with the student who tested positive. If you have not heard from the School District or County Health Department, your child is not impacted.

I hope you understand that we can't provide any additional information about these students, due to confidentiality and privacy constraints.

Out of an abundance of caution, we ask that families please keep an eye out for signs and symptoms as it takes seven (7) to eight (8) days after exposure. The District is taking precautions to protect the health and safety of its students and employees. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and communicate updates, if necessary.

Here is additional information that we would like to share with you about the process and what is shared if someone becomes a contact or tests positive for COVID-19:

- Some individuals exposed to COVID-19 may also become ill with COVID-19 themselves. If this happens, it is typically within 14 days of exposure. Because of this, your child will be placed on a Mandatory Quarantine for 14 days from their exposure. You will be given exact dates during your call or email from the Onondaga County Health Department personnel and **potentially** be able to return to school on the 15th day.
- Mandatory Quarantine means that your child cannot leave home during the dates provided by the County and the 14 days mentioned above. They cannot attend school, receive care at a public childcare center, or participate in activities outside of the home. You should have no additional visitors at your home during this time.
- If your child becomes ill during this time, please call your pediatrician. We recommend notifying your pediatrician as soon as possible that your child has been exposed to COVID-19, and ask them for any guidance specific to their health status.
- Mandatory Quarantine only applies to the positive case and exposed child. If you have other children or adults in the home, they may still participate in school, work and other activities outside of the home. They are not being quarantined.
- We are requiring exposed children or staff be tested for COVID-19. You can find resources on local testing options at: <https://covid19.ongov.net/>

- Testing is available at NBT Bank Stadium that started Monday, September 21 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The testing site will be open Monday-Friday and will expand hours to meet the demands of the community. Any child under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who is able to provide parental consent.
- All tested people are **REQUIRED TO REGISTER** by calling Upstate Medical COVID Hotline at **315-464-2582** and selecting option #4.

Out of an abundance of caution, please keep practicing social distancing and wearing masks in your personal lives.

We appreciate your support and understanding on this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Rob Price
Superintendent