

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Keystone School District Families, Faculty & Staff:

The District was alerted last evening that a member of our Keystone Junior-Senior High School tested positive for COVID-19. Given the time of the report, we felt it was in the best interest of the entire school community to close the Keystone Junior-Senior High School in order to properly begin case investigation and contact tracing. To be clear, not every probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 will result in school closure. Every situation is evaluated individually as there are often a variety of circumstances that contribute to the decision making and responses that are implemented.

District administration has been working directly with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (Pa DoH) and following all requirements associated with contact tracing for COVID-19. Any student or staff member who is considered to be a “close contact” (i.e. someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) will be forced to quarantine as per Pa DoH guidelines. Contact tracers from the Pa DoH and personnel from Keystone Junior-Senior High School will make contact with the affected individuals to ensure timely notification. As per DoH, given the nature and proximity of contact, a confirmed case within an athletic team will result in the quarantine of the entire athletic team.

The District has already implemented a deep clean of the entire facility and will be **reopening for in-person teaching and learning tomorrow, October 16, 2020**. Furthermore, the Keystone Junior-Senior High School will also be **in-session on Monday, October 19, 2020** for all students in grades 7-12. This will serve as the make-up date for today’s closure. The Keystone Elementary School will be closed on Monday, October 19, 2020 for Act 80 Parent-Teacher Conferences as originally scheduled.

I want to thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters. I ask that you remain vigilant in your efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 by regularly monitoring your child and yourself for symptoms. Please remember to notify the District if your child tests positive for COVID-19 and/or is exposed to COVID-19 through family or friends. Continue to wash hands often, avoid close contact, wear a facial covering when around others, and comply with the District’s home screening tool.

Over the last several weeks, school administrators have received several inquiries about probable cases and the information surrounding quarantine. At no point will we share confidential details or names of individuals as we are not permitted to share personal, identifiable information or information that may lead to the identification of the affected individual(s). We appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

Shawn Algoe, Superintendent