

# KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Keystone School District Families, Faculty & Staff:

The District was alerted last evening that one individual associated with **Keystone Junior-Senior High School** tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, there is no recommendation to close **Keystone Junior-Senior High School** or cancel/postpone school activities. School personnel have already made contact with the affected individuals and/or their families to ensure timely notification. We will closely monitor the epi-links from this case and act quickly if necessary to prevent further transmission if *close contacts* become *probable* and/or *positive* cases.

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. Quarantining of faculty/staff and students—regardless of the number of actual cases within the District—has/will disrupt operations.

It is absolutely imperative that you remain vigilant in your efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 by regularly monitoring your child and yourself for symptoms. Regardless of how you may feel about the virus, failure to mitigate the spread of the virus within a school building/community will ultimately force the transition to remote learning until such time students and staff are cleared for return.

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. Failure to abide by PA DoH quarantine orders will result in other individuals being placed at unnecessary risk for exposure, which will result in additional quarantines.

We are doing everything we can to keep school buildings open for in-person teaching and learning; however, we are actively monitoring the increases in the level of community transmission in the county as well as the percent positivity over the most recent 7-day reporting period. We will let you know if/when it becomes necessary to transition to a remote learning mode for either (or both) of the district’s buildings.

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