



Mount Union Area School District

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Dear MUASD Parents and Community:

We want to inform you that we have our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in our District. We are currently working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) to conduct contact tracing and determine further actions needed. The affected individual immediately reached out to the District upon receiving the positive diagnosis. We then jumped to action to tackle this situation as quickly as possible. We immediately began contact tracing and sought assistance from the DOH. As a district, we proactively began reaching out to individuals who are considered close contacts to alert them to their exposure and to explain that each close contact will need to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure to that person.

For clarification, a close contact based on proximity is anyone who was within six feet of the positive person for 15 minutes or more. Anyone who is determined to be a close contact must quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure. If the quarantined person becomes symptomatic, he or she needs to call a medical professional and a 10-day isolation period should begin immediately.

The DOH returned our call this morning and are assisting us with this situation. As of right now, there is not enough information to know if we will need to close school for a few days. We have proactively elected to cancel our Act 80 day scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, October 12th in order to deep clean the buildings. As of right now, this situation is limited to the high school. As stated, contact tracing is still in process so this could change.

We appreciate our community's support during this time. We know everyone will come together as Mount Union always does. Our students and staff have done an excellent job following the precautionary measures of handwashing and sanitizing, wearing face coverings and cleaning high touch surfaces which allowed us to complete 32 days of face-to-face instruction without a case.

If you have a student who is being tested for COVID-19, please notify our school nurse and keep your child at home while you await results. Thank you for your cooperation during this time. Updates will be provided as we know more. We strive to be transparent but must refrain from rushing to provide information until we can provide the most accurate information for our MU family.

Sincerely,

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