



BELLEVILLE

MENNONITE SCHOOL

COVID-19 Notifications 11/11/20

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yesterday, we received an update that one of our elementary teachers tested positive for COVID-19. After getting details from this teacher and considering many different factors and timelines, I contacted the PA Department of Health to report the positive case and initiate the close contact tracing process. At this time, the DOH has not yet followed-up on this situation with myself or any of our potentially impacted families (to our knowledge); however, the affected teacher has been home since becoming symptomatic over the weekend and getting tested the same day while communicating with me.

Families of students in this class received notification of this yesterday, and a number of elected temporary quarantines are underway as of today, pending additional guidance from the DOH. Internal efforts to conduct preliminary contact tracing occurred yesterday in partnership with the affected teacher, and we believe that no students in that class truly fit within the set DOH proximity and timing parameters of 6 feet for 15 minutes in a 24 hour period that qualifies individuals for quarantine.

Precautionary absences apart from required quarantines and designated elective quarantines will be considered excused absences; however, teachers will not be required to provide continued education via distance learning formats for anything outside of required quarantines. Make-up work may be provided in these precautionary circumstances, but instruction will not be an expectation.

Also, as we continue exploring various formats and parameters for our parent-teacher conferences tomorrow, I want to make the following points very clear:

1. If you are feeling ill – any significant cold/flu symptoms, aches, cough, bad headache, tightness of breath, high temperature (between 100-100.4), etc., please do not enter either of our buildings tomorrow and reschedule your conference – even if it is last minute!
2. If you are planning to attend an in-person conference, you are required to wear a mask into our buildings to help minimize the possibility of exposure coming into our school at this time. At teacher discretion, you may remove your mask during the conference and replace it after.
3. Temperatures will be taken by administration and/or assisting faculty at both entrances. If you have a temperature between 100-100.4, you will be asked to reschedule your conference for a later date and consider a virtual format.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to plan, prepare, and respond in ways that are safe, allow for rich experiences, and build our partnership with one another in new ways!

Blessings,

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Superintendent
Secondary Principal
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