



Penn-Trafford School District

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Parents and Staff,

The Penn-Trafford School District was notified today of four additional positive cases of COVID-19 within the district. Three cases were staff members, two at Sunrise Elementary and one at Harrison Park Elementary. One was a student at Level Green Elementary. We have contacted the Department of Health and received guidance regarding these cases and the operation of all schools within the district.

This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases at Sunrise Elementary to four. Sunrise will remain closed for a total of 14 days and will reopen on Thursday, October 22nd per the Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines. All students at Sunrise will continue to receive remote instruction. Contact tracing is still being conducted at Sunrise. We will send another email to Sunrise parents and staff when contact tracing is complete.

Harrison Park Elementary now has a total of two positive cases within 14 days which will require it to close for five days per the Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines. Harrison Park will be closed effective Friday, October 9th and will reopen on Wednesday, October 14th. Contact tracing is still being conducted. We will send another email to Harrison Park parents and staff when contact tracing is complete. All students at Harrison Park will receive remote instruction. The principal will email parents information regarding remote instruction.

Level Green Elementary now has eight positive cases and will remain closed as per previous communications and reopen on Thursday, October 15th. Contact tracing is still being conducted at Level Green. We will send another email to Level Green parents and staff when contact tracing is complete.

All other district schools will remain open per the Department of Health and Department of Education guidelines. Although it is not a Department of Health requirement, the itinerant (shared) staff that work at Sunrise, Harrison Park and Level Green will not be permitted to work in other district buildings so that we can monitor them for symptoms.

The Department of Health has informed us of a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases within the county. Today Westmoreland County announced its highest single-day increase (69) of new COVID-19 cases. We will continue to closely monitor the cases within our district and follow all directions provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We understand that parents want to know details of the positive COVID-19 individuals but we can not release confidential information due to privacy laws. Please note that while we have an obligation to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all members of our community, we also have an obligation to protect the privacy of individuals affected by this virus.

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It is important for students and staff to administer the [PTSD Symptom Screening Tool](#) every day. If you are symptomatic or may have been in close contact with a positive case you need to stay home and contact the school nurse immediately. Your cooperation with sharing information with our nurses and reporting any positive cases of COVID-19 within your family or close contacts is very important.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Harris
Superintendent