

Penn-Trafford School District

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Parents and Staff,

The Penn-Trafford School District was notified today that a staff member at Level Green Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The positive staff member contracted the virus from an individual outside the district. The Pennsylvania Department of Health was immediately notified and has provided the district with guidance and protocols. Only "close contacts" are required to be quarantined. Contact tracing determined there were no other students or staff who would be considered a "close contact". The PA Department of Health defines a "close contact" as an individual who was within six feet of a positive case of COVID-19 for a duration of longer than fifteen consecutive minutes. The continued implementation of other safety measures, such as frequent hand washing and the wearing of face coverings will continue. The impacted areas have been thoroughly sanitized and disinfected.

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. Unless an individual has been personally contacted by the Department of Health or the School Nurse we can reasonably assure you that you have not been identified as a "close contact" of a positive case.

It is important for students and staff to administer the <u>PTSD Symptom Screening Tool</u> 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.

Level Green Elementary School is open for school on Monday. If a parent wants their child to work remotely, they must notify their homeroom teacher as they have that option.

Sincerely, Dr. Matthew Harris