
YOUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Yough School District Parents and Staff:

The Yough School District was notified today that a second staff member at Yough Intermediate Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The Pennsylvania Department of Health was immediately notified and has provided the district with guidance and protocols.

As per Department of Education guidelines, schools having two cases within a 14 day period, would require a five day school closure. Yough Intermediate Middle School academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities will be shut down for five school days from Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30. School resuming will be determined based on the Westmoreland County rating of "substantial" or "moderate". More information regarding resuming school will be communicated next week.

Although it is not a Department of Health requirement, the itinerant (shared) teachers will not be permitted to work in other district buildings so that we can monitor them for symptoms.

All middle school students will be using either virtual live or virtual recorded programming beginning on Monday, October 26, 2020. Teachers will post daily video lessons and assignments to be completed. The principal will email additional information regarding remote instruction prior to Monday, October 26, 2020.

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. Contact tracing has been completed at the middle school. Unless an individual has been personally contacted by the Department of Health we can reasonably assure you that they have not been identified as a "close contact" of a positive case and would not need to quarantine. 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 fifteen consecutive and/or cumulative minutes.

As a reminder, if you are symptomatic or may have been in close contact with a positive case you should contact the school nurse/principal immediately. Your cooperation with sharing information with our nurses and reporting positive cases of COVID-19 within your family or close contacts is critical.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janet M. Sardon

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Superintendent
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