



# Wyoming Valley West School District



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This communication confirms that two positive COVID-19 cases were reported to the Wyoming Valley West School District on Wednesday, October 20, 2020.

When a case is reported:

- The district contacts the state Rapid Response Center (RRC), an organization established to direct schools and coordinate efforts with the Department of Health, Department of Education and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.
- The Department of Health conducts contact tracing; the district has also established communication with close contacts and families.

**As a result of communication with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and close collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health:**

**The Wyoming Valley West High School will be closed on 10/22/2020 and 10/23/2020.**

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It is critical for the safety of students and staff that the wellness screening is completed when present in any of our buildings. When completing the daily wellness screening tool on Skyward you will be asked if you are feeling well or have been in contact with someone who tested positive in the past 14 days. If you have symptoms or have been in contact, please follow the instructions and stay home. Our motto is 'When in Doubt, Stay Out'.

We are working very hard to maintain students in school physically in the hybrid mode; however, shifting to full remote mode, even temporarily, remains a possibility. Please remain prepared to pivot as needed.

While positive cases underscore the reality of the pandemic, we also recognize the potential threat of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic carriers of COVID-19 in our school community. Department of Health, Department of Education, and the CDC guidelines being implemented in the district continue to take into account asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic carriers as well as the possibility of additional confirmed positive cases.

Please remember to:

- Complete the daily wellness screening located on Skyward or by using Skyward App.
- When in doubt, stay out.
- Wash hands frequently, keep hands away from face
- Follow mask-wearing guidelines.

The Wyoming Valley West Community thanks you for your continued support and cooperation to get through these unprecedented times.

Thank you,

David Tosh, Superintendent