

# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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FAHS Parents/Guardians,

Our High School community is receiving this letter as notification that a student at the High School has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last at school on September 29th. This individual will not return to our school until they have completed isolation procedures for COVID-19.

All students who were potentially in close contact, have received/will receive personalized communications from the school or Health Department. If you do not receive additional communications from the school/Health Department, your child is presently not thought to be among those who were potentially exposed.

Because it is a single case, it is not necessary, at this time, to close the school; however, out of an abundance of caution, and in accordance with Freeport Area School District's Health and Safety Plan and Department of Health guidelines, the affected areas are being thoroughly sanitized and those found to be in close contact will quarantine.

In all instances when someone tests positive, public health staff from the Department of Health lead the investigation, contact trace, and make isolation and quarantine and other infection control recommendations.

We continue to encourage all parents to screen children for symptoms before school every morning including a fever of 100 degrees or greater, persistent cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, gastro-intestinal issues such as diarrhea, and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, among others. Please review the daily screener on page 6 of our Health and Safety Plan. Students who are sick with these symptoms should stay home from school and follow the return to school guidelines (pg. 13). As always, your child's physician is the best person to guide you regarding steps for keeping your child safe and healthy.

More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue our efforts to keep everyone safe.