

# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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FASD Parents/Guardians,

Our school community is receiving this letter as notification that a student at the Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The school was notified today and the student was last present at school on November 3rd. The individual will not return to the school until they have completed isolation procedures for COVID-19.

All students and staff 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.

In accordance with our District's Health and Safety Plan and Department of Health guidelines, we continue to work collaboratively with DOH to determine if and when any school closures may be necessary. Please stay tuned for further updates.

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.

Given that our regional infection rates are rising, we continue to encourage all parents to screen children for symptoms before school every morning including a fever of 100 degrees or greater, 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.