

# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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FASD Parents/Guardians,

Our school community is receiving this letter as notification that another student at the Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last present at school on November 12th. The individual will not return to school until they have completed isolation procedures for COVID-19.

Although no in-school contacts have been identified in this case, we continue to collaborate with the Department of Health and are mindful of the established recommendations as we continue to consider resulting scheduling and/or closure impacts.

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 be vigilant and to screen children for symptoms DAILY 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.

*Please also continue to be transparent and willing to work with our schools, particularly administrators and school nurses. Your proactive notifications of your child's or family's condition and recommendations from your physicians assist us in keeping all students, families, and employees safe. **Please see pgs. 6 and 13 of the Health and Safety Plan for updated guidance and recommendations for parents.***

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.