

January 29, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

On Friday, January 29, 2021, Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 was notified of a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Pocono West High School. The person was last in the building on Monday, January 25, 2021.

School leadership, in conjunction with local public health officials, had determined that the classroom that had been affected will be **engaging in virtual learning beginning Monday, February 1, 2021**. A tentative return date of **in-person instruction will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2021**. The classrooms and spaces used by the individual have been closed off, cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines.

Staff members and students who may have come into close contact (any individual within 6 feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes) with the individual will be directly contacted by their local health department and/or and/or staff of the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 with instructions to self-quarantine.

Parents and students are encouraged to do the following to help prevent the spread of illness at home and in school:

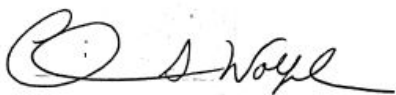
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough and sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Please follow the guidelines below to determine if you (child or staff) should stay home:

Column A If you checked 1 or more symptoms, staff/student should stay home from school/work	Column B If you checked 2 or more symptoms, staff/ student should stay home from school/work
<input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100°F or higher) <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of smell or taste (without congestion) <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact Christina Williams Supervisor of Health and Nursing Services at cwilliams1@ciu20.org. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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