

Hopewell Area School District

2354 Brodhead Road

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November 6, 2020

Dear Hopewell Parents/Guardians,

Last night, November 5, 2020, the administration was notified that one of our 8th grade students at Hopewell Memorial Junior High School tested positive for COVID19. This student was last in school on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 and participated in our girls' basketball games this week. The District will have the entire Junior High building disinfected by the end of today and all school busses have already been disinfected before this morning's bus runs.

We have been in contact with the Department of Health. They have given the District preliminary guidance for us to be able to communicate with the identified close contacts. We are in the process of communicating with all close contacts at this time. We believe that anyone who is a close contact should be notified by school personnel within the next few hours. Close contacts will be required to quarantine for 14 days, with the dates of the quarantine determined by exposure date.

Please remember that only close contacts are required to quarantine. Secondary contacts or "contacts of contacts" are not required to quarantine. Please, however, be diligent in assessing your child's health each day, as even minor symptoms can be a sign of the COVID19 virus.

We are still awaiting further guidance if the school should remain closed beyond today. We are planning to have school as scheduled on Monday, November 9, 2020, but will notify families if this changes.

We have placed a Parent FAQ on the District website regarding questions parents may have about contact tracing by the Department of Health, sending sick students home from school, quarantine and isolation, holiday travel, etc...

Please know that the District is working diligently to contact families. Should you have questions, please reach out to your building school nurse or principal. Our priority remains focused on the safety of all students, families and staff.

With Viking PRIDE-

Dr. Michelle Miller
Superintendent