

Hopewell Area School District

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October 16, 2020

Dear Hopewell Parents/Guardians,

Today, October 16, 2020, the administration was notified that one of our 11th grade students at Hopewell High School tested positive for COVID19. Since receiving this information, we have begun the process of identifying individuals that may have come in contact with this individual during the time frame provided to us. This student was last in our building on Friday, October 9, 2020. The District will continue its increased efforts to clean and sanitize all learning spaces, but will focus additional attention in the rooms in which this student was present.

We have been in contact with the PA Department of Health, which will be engaging in the difficult work of contact tracing and communication with families. At this time, we are expecting the Department of Health to require multiple students and staff members who were in contact over the past weekend with the individual who tested positive to be required to quarantine. Because of the complex nature of the contact tracing and the number of individuals involved, we are expecting to move to remote learning next week for a short time. This has NOT been determined yet, but we wanted to prepare families that there is a strong possibility of remote learning. This will allow the Department of Health to complete all contact tracing and for the District to continue to disinfect all buildings.

Please know that we are making every effort to keep the Hopewell Area School District students safe and to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID19. You can help us with these efforts by monitoring your child's health and communicating with your family physician when symptoms necessitate additional scrutiny.

With Viking PRIDE-

Dr. Michelle Miller
Superintendent