PDE/DOH recommendations for School Closure due to positive or probable COVID cases

Full guidance can be found at:

Closure of school building when Beaver County is in Substantial Rate of Transmission

- Elementary buildings and JH/SH have different case counts and recommendations for closure
  - PDE: Building size is based on the number of students who would be attending school in the building if not for the pandemic.
- Cases are calculated on a rolling 14 day period.
  - PDE: The rolling 14-day period begins with the date of the first positive case, which is either the date the individual was first symptomatic (if known) or the date the individual was tested.
  - PDE: The case count for a school building would include any individual (students or staff) with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 who was physically present in the school setting while infectious, including but not limited to, instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities.
- Consultation with DOH may be necessary
- Any shortening of times listed below will be determined in consultation with DOH
- When a building is closed due to COVID, no students will be allowed in the building including athletics and students with an IEP
  - PDE: When building closure is required, the school must suspend all in-person instruction in that building.

Margaret Ross Elementary, Hopewell Elementary, Independence Elementary
(Small schools- under 500 students)

1 students or staff member tests positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean area
- consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site
- possibly close building for cleaning/contact tracing

2-4 students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean building
- close building for cleaning and contact tracing for 3-7 days

5+ students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean building
- close building for cleaning for 14 days

Hopewell Memorial Junior High School and Hopewell Senior High School
(Medium schools - 500-900 students)

1-3 students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean area
- consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site
- possibly close building for cleaning/contact tracing

4-6 students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean building
- close building for cleaning and contact tracing for 3-7 days

7+ students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
- clean building
- close building for cleaning for 14 days