February 1, 2021

Dear Hopewell Parents/Guardians,

The District was made aware of one (1) positive COVID case today involving a staff member at Hopewell Memorial Junior High School. The staff member was in the building last week, but no close contacts were identified. The individual, however, was infectious while in the building and therefore, this positive case does count toward the school closure for the Junior High School.

The District and the PA Department of Health are finalizing the contact tracing at Independence Elementary School which we anticipate to be concluded tomorrow, February 2, 2021. Therefore, February 2 will be an additional virtual instruction day for Independence Elementary School. We anticipate in-person hybrid learning to continue at Independence on Wednesday, February 3.

For any family considering traveling over the coming months, please be advised of the following requirements. The following information will also be posted on the District website.

Travelers, who attend Hopewell’s Junior or Senior High buildings, entering Pennsylvania from locations outside the Commonwealth, including Pennsylvanians who are returning home from locations outside the Commonwealth, should produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours before their return OR place themselves in travel quarantine for 10 days upon entering without a test or 7 days of quarantine with a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken on or after day 5 of return, providing you maintain symptom free. The day you return is day 0, then you count forward the recommended quarantine period.

If you need assistance in adhering to the above travel requirements as outlined by the Commonwealth, please contact your child’s school nurse.

As a reminder, it is critical that all Hopewell parents monitor their child’s health and keep your child home from school if exhibiting any symptoms. Additionally, please report any COVID testing or symptoms to the school nurse. 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.

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Dr. Michelle Miller
Superintendent