



CENTENNIAL SCHOOL | LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

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Dear Centennial Staff, Parents, and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that we were notified this morning that an individual who was last in attendance at Centennial School on January 3rd has subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Due to procedures related to privacy laws, I am limited in what I can say. I request you to also respect the privacy of our students and staff.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) is responsible for all contact tracing. Centennial School will assist with contact tracing where indicated by the PA DOH guidelines. Staff members and students that are determined to be close contacts with this individual will be directly contacted by the PA DOH or the Centennial School Nurse with instructions to quarantine.

Since returning from the winter break, over 16% of our school community members (students and staff) have tested positive or have displayed symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, the latest guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (DOE) and DOH recommend a building closure when 5% of students/staff have confirmed cases in a 14-day window. Presently, there are over 6% of students/staff with confirmed COVID-19 cases at Centennial School. Given the immense amount of community spread of COVID-19 and the associated staffing shortages at the school, the difficult decision to shift to remote learning is necessary at this time. As school leaders, we are tasked with the responsibility of balancing both the safety and educational needs of our students. We take both of these responsibilities seriously. It is our hope that implementation of this short-term remote learning schedule will allow us to continue to safely educate our students while reducing the possibility of spreading the virus at school.

[Beginning tomorrow, January 5, 2022, all students will continue their education via remote learning. Students should check Google Classroom for directions and/or assignments from your teacher\(s\). Staff will also work remotely during the building closure. We will reopen for in-person instruction on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.](#)

During this period of remote instruction, please continue to report any exposures, symptoms, or confirmed COVID-19 cases to our school nurse, Maggie Ciliberti (macb19@lehigh.edu). If you have questions or concerns regarding your individual health and COVID-19, please contact your primary care physician.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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