

# REETHS-PUFFER SCHOOLS

Steve Edwards  
Superintendent  
edwardst@reeths-puffer.org



Phone: (231) 719-3101  
Fax: (231) 744-9497

December 14, 2020

Dear R-P Intermediate Community,

I am writing to inform you that a person in our R-PI community tested positive for COVID-19 during one of the weeks students were not in school; Saturday, November 21. This was clarified this afternoon. I apologize for the delay in posting this. We have worked diligently to post this information as soon as possible and practicable in every situation. A “school associated case” means a case of confirmed COVID-19 amongst students, teachers, staff members, coaches, volunteers, or any other person who was present on school property or at a school function under circumstances that may result in the transmission or contraction of COVID-19 during their infectious period. Our first responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe. We have been planning for this scenario during our reopening planning process and have a comprehensive plan in place to sanitize and disinfect the school, inform families whose students were at risk of exposure or in close contact, and support the affected family as they navigate this stressful experience.

Though we cannot provide specific information about our school community member who tested positive, rest assured, unless you are or were contacted directly by Mr. Panozzo or Public Health ***you/your child were not close contacts*** (defined as being within 6 feet of the person for at least 15 minutes) of the individual who tested positive. Fortunately, no individuals were identified as “close contacts.”

Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to the safety protocols including mask wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing. We are grateful to our families for their continued efforts to keep students home at the first sign of symptoms. These measures, taken in combination, greatly reduce the risk of additional transmission.

As always, families should contact their primary care physician immediately should their student or someone in their home begin to show symptoms. We will continue to follow all Public Health protocols and be vigilant in adhering to all of our health and safety protocols in an effort to continue in-person learning.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Steve Edwards

Superintendent, Reeths-Puffer Schools



