



Tuxedo Union Free School District

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Community Notification of New Confirmed Case #11 ([en español](#))

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Dear Tuxedo Families, Faculty and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Tuxedo UFSD was notified of a student at **George F. Baker High School** who has tested positive for COVID-19. This is a new case that has been reported to the District. Due to HIPAA, we are legally prohibited from disclosing any personally identifiable information about the individual or family.

Any staff member or parent/guardian of a child who has been exposed has already been notified of this exposure and directed to quarantine by the school nurse. If your child has been told to quarantine they will not be able to participate in after-school activities.

EMERGENCY PIVOT TO 100% REMOTE INSTRUCTION FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will be on 100% remote instruction through May 17, 2021. They are able to return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, provided medical clearance.

NEW YORK STATE 6, 7, AND 8 MATH TESTING IS CANCELLED

These exams are cancelled for Tuxedo UFSD students in grades 6, 7, and 8. New York State provides no remote option for taking these exams. There will be no "make-up" testing either when students return to in-person instruction.

MODIFIED BASEBALL AND MODIFIED SOFTBALL IS CANCELLED

Modified Baseball and Modified Softball is cancelled. Coaches will be in communication with athletes and their parents/guardians accordingly.

REMINDER ON DISMISSAL POLICY FOR CANCELLED AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



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In the event that after school activities are immediately cancelled due to the need for broad quarantine (or other reason), please be reminded that:

- 1) Students must be transported home in the official manner designated in the beginning of the school year** (e.g. walk home, parent pick-up or bus)
- 2) Students must go home, they may NOT remain on campus when their activity is cancelled**
- 3) Any changes in a student's official transportation plan must be communicated to the main office in writing prior to 2:45PM the day of.** This includes going to an alternate location (e.g. friend's house) or taking another mode of transportation (e.g. will walk home instead of taking the bus).

As with all confirmed cases, the Orange County Department of Health will investigate and identify through contact tracing protocols any individual who had close contact (direct or proximate) with the positive individual. Any staff member or parent/guardian of a child who has been exposed has already been notified of this exposure.

It is important to remember that all of our classrooms and shared spaces where people congregate are cleaned regularly throughout the day, and deep cleaned and sanitized at the end of each school day.

All Tuxedo UFSD students and staff are required to complete the daily COVID-19 Mandated Screening Questionnaire and self-monitor for symptoms; following CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

We cannot emphasize enough that parents, students, and staff members must be just as vigilant following the public health guidance outside of school, including limiting group gatherings, practicing good hygiene, wearing masks, and following social distance guidelines.

As always, the health and safety of students and employees is our top priority. We appreciate your continued support.

You may click on the link below to access the PDF version of the letter below (English y español):

- <https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/community-notifications>



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Per the letter to families, dated 2/3/2021, the District protocol on reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases to the community was shared. The letter below is posted on our district webpage. Each letter is numbered for increased transparency on reported cases for George Grant Elementary School and George F. Baker High School. These letters also include information for families of students who attend out of district programs who may be affected by the quarantine of District personnel.

Please contact Nicole Scariano, Interim Superintendent of Schools, for questions about our protocol at nscariano@tuxedoufsd.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NS", is positioned above the name of the sender.

Nicole Scariano
Superintendent of Schools, IA

***Please note: A directive to quarantine is when school personnel (e.g. school nurse, principal or secretary) contacts a parent/guardian directly about their child's need to quarantine, dates of quarantine and the earliest date the child can return to school in-person and documentation needed. If you did not receive such a phone call or contact from school personnel then you did not receive a directive for your child to quarantine. When an emergency pivot is announced, it is only for the date stated in the announcement (similar to a snow day announcement) and instruction resumes as regularly scheduled the following day.**