



September 14, 2021

Dear Faculty, Staff and Parents of Shenandoah Elementary School,

Shenandoah Elementary School has experienced a significant number of positive COVID-19 cases amongst both students and staff over the past week, but especially in the last two days. There are currently many students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms who have been quarantined or isolated due to exposure. These positive cases and the large number of exposures have caused us to close several classrooms recently.

Given this information and in conjunction with the Lord Fairfax Health Department, Page County Public Schools (PCPS) has made the difficult decision to close Shenandoah Elementary School until next Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Closing the school will allow us to decrease the spread and potential exposure for students, staff, and families, provide us with time to implement **deep cleaning** across all school spaces, and allow staff time to recover to be available to support student learning.

Tomorrow, September 15, 2021, students in grades PreK-2nd should plan to pick up their learning materials at Shenandoah Elementary School between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students in grades 3rd-5th should pick up their Chromebook (if they don't already have it) at Shenandoah Elementary School between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Students in grades 3rd-5th will be provided with daily live instruction and use Schoology to access other learning materials. These live sessions will be recorded and uploaded to Schoology to be viewed at a later time for students who do not have Internet access. If your student has previously received learning materials for the remainder of this week, then no further action is needed.

PCPS will be providing meals to families that would like them during the closure. More information will be provided to all families in a separate email.

Over the next few days, we encourage everyone to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms do arise, it is recommended that you isolate and consult with your local health care provider for additional guidance.

Throughout this week, PCPS will continue to evaluate the status of both our students and staff, and if additional action steps need to be taken, to include extending the closure, PCPS will communicate this in a timely manner.

As a division, PCPS understands the incredible challenges a school closure creates for families. This decision has been made with safety first and with a great deal of thought and care for everyone in the Shenandoah Community. PCPS will continue to communicate with faculty, staff and families over the next few days to provide additional information and updates.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the ongoing challenges of COVID-19.

Wishing you and your family healthy days ahead.

Sincerely,
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