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Dear School Community,

Sept. 26, 2020

The Valley Local School District is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. We want to inform you that that we have recently received information about at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at Valley High School. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed locations have been completed.

Valley High School will remain OPEN at this time. We are working closely with the Scioto County Health Department and anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by the health department as a part of COVID-19 investigation.

How You Can Help

Be proactive about reducing the number of interactions that students and staff have with one another by practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) to limit the spread of COVID-19. In addition to physical distancing, these important tools help to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wear a mask or face covering while in public places or if people who don't live with you must visit your home.
- Avoid unnecessary gatherings with people who don't live in your home.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.

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- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes. If you are experiencing cough or congestion, consider staying home and seeking medical care.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cleaning of frequently touched surfaces with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions. A simple bleach solution may also be utilized.

If you have any questions, contact *Valley Local* at 740-259-3115 or the Scioto County Health Department at 740-355-8358. Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

Sincerely,

Scott Rolfe

Superintendent


COVID-19 Symptoms

Help prevent the spread of Covid-19

You may have COVID-19 if you have:

- Fever or chills
- A cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.



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I am writing to inform you that a student who attends **Valley High School** has recently had close contact with an individual who has COVID-19. The student is self-quarantining at home, has displayed no symptoms of the virus and has not tested positive for the virus. Due to privacy laws, we cannot disclose further information about the student. Whenever a person has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, they must quarantine and may not return until they meet the CDC's criteria for return to school—which currently provides that the individual should stay home for 14 days after his/her last contact with the person who has COVID-19.

The local health department has been notified of this situation. Based on guidance from the health department and other agencies, **All buildings** have been deeply sanitized and they will **not be closed**. District employees and students should continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations, and should continue to practice social distancing.

As a precaution, we encourage you to monitor your health, follow CDC guidelines, and contact your doctor if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.

The District is continuing to monitor this situation. We will provide additional information when permissible. We hope our student remains well.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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