



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Good evening East Palestine families this is Mr. Neifer, EPCSD Superintendent.

I wanted to take a minute to provide some important information:

- First I want to thank everyone for their continued cooperation in following the health guidelines and educational plans established for the school district. I want to remind everyone that if you are keeping your child home due to a health concern it is important that you call the main office at your child's building. Please make sure that you leave a detailed message about the symptoms your child is experiencing in order to help us track possible building trends or health issues.
- Next, I want to update everyone on the current COVID 19 exposures in the district. We currently have 6 staff members who are quarantined as a result of direct contact to COVID + cases (one of which has now tested positive). 4 of these cases are from exposure outside of the district. We currently have 9 students who are quarantined in the district (7 from 1 classroom at the high school, and 2 other high school students from outside exposure). All contact tracing and quarantine decisions were done in collaboration with the Columbiana County Health Department.
- Due to the increased spread in cases I want to revisit our remote learning plan to make sure that we are prepared for a situation if we would have to close school. I want to reiterate that we are NOT going remote at this time and will only utilize this plan if we are mandated by the state or local health department to close or have an outbreak in the school or community. Our goal is to provide clear expectations and schedules so that families can plan and be prepared for such a situation. On the district website you will find a document that outlines our remote learning plan and a video that has been produced to provide additional information. [Both the plan and the video can be found here.](#) Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to your child's school or the superintendent's office.
- I want to encourage everyone to stay vigilant and not get complacent in our efforts to make sure that we can continue to provide our students the best educational experiences possible.

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Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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