

# Washington School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that our District was notified today of 4 positive cases of COVID-19 at Washington Junior/Senior High School. In consultation with the Department of Health, students and staff attending Washington Junior/Senior High School on 10/4/21 and may have been exposed to the individuals who tested positive, as this date was the last time the students were in our building.

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In our district, we encourage social distancing to the greatest extent possible and we **REQUIRE** students and staff to correctly wear face coverings when inside district buildings. Based upon these actions, the exposure of “close contact” is minimal. **If it is determined that you were in close contact with the individual who tested positive, you will be contacted by district personnel with quarantine instructions. If you are not contacted by district staff to quarantine, it is expected that you continue to come to school.**

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Please note:

- **Students and staff are not required to get tested for COVID-19**
- **If you choose to not get tested for COVID-19, but you are told to quarantine, you must quarantine for the entire length of time**
- **If you choose to get tested for COVID-19 to *lessen your quarantine time*, you will be informed of the quarantine length based upon a negative PCR test and vaccination status as recommended by the PA Department of Health.**
- **Please send any vaccination documentation or COVID-19 test results to the school nurses at:**
  - **Elementary School Nurse – Cheryl Blossl**
    - [bloslc@prexie.us](mailto:bloslc@prexie.us)
    - Phone – 724-223-5000 x1146
    - Fax – 724-223-5121
  - **JH/HS School Nurse – Ashley Brand**
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    - Phone – 724-223-5087
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The signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are listed below. If you or your child are concerned about an exposure or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your primary care physician for further guidance. For more information on COVID-19, visit the PA Department of Health's website at: [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov).

According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Vomiting
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

**If your child is experiencing these symptoms, please stay home. We will continue to be in *direct contact* with the PA Department of Health and are following their recommendations, as the health and wellness of our students and community are always the highest priority. Please stay safe.**

Sincerely,

**Cheryl Blossl**

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Washington School District Pandemic Coordinator and Certified School Nurse