

Delaware Valley School District

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

The Delaware Valley School District was notified of one confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at the Dingman-Delaware Middle School. The individual last attended school on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The classrooms and spaces used by the individual have been cleaned and disinfected multiple times since last Tuesday according to CDC guidelines. The school will remain open.

This is our fourteenth case so far this school year. Since this person was already in quarantine because he/she is a household member of yesterday's DDPS case and hadn't been in school in over a week, no one new needs to be quarantined. Therefore, an automated call isn't necessary.

Staff members and students who may have come into close contact (any individual within 6 feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes) with the individual have already been contacted by the Department of Health and/or the school district with instructions to self-quarantine.

Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to do the following to help prevent the spread of illness at home and in school:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and/or have tested positive
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick or come in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough and sneeze
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Practice social distancing and wear a mask

Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following signs or symptoms: fever (100.4 F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, lack of smell or taste, sore throat, chills, muscle pain, headache, congestion, or runny nose.

The Delaware Valley School District will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority.

Sincerely,

John J. Bell

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Superintendent