



WALLENPAUPACK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Wallenpaupack Area High School has recently experienced an increase in the number of Covid-positive cases in our students. We believe that this increase is associated with the surge in Covid-cases recently reported throughout Wayne and Pike Counties. The Pennsylvania Department of Education, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, established school closure recommendations to guide schools when presented with numerous Covid-positive cases.

As of today, the High School has five positive Covid-cases. Although the threshold for recommended school closure is six positive cases (within a 14-day rolling period) for a school building the size of our high school, we have several students who are symptomatic, have been tested, and are awaiting their results. We believe that we will have additional positive Covid-cases reported over the next few days. **It is with this in mind, that the Wallenpaupack Area High School and complex will be closed Friday, April 30th through Sunday, May 2nd. Friday will be a half-day, virtual day and all high school students should attend class online as normal.** All high school activities and athletic programs will be cancelled during this time. The high school will re-open on Monday, May 3rd. This temporary closure will allow our high school custodial staff additional time to conduct a deep cleaning of our entire school complex on Friday and Saturday. After the high school is closed and thoroughly cleaned, the guidance from the state allows the number of positive Covid-cases to reset to zero in the high school beginning on Monday, May 3rd.

At this time, all other buildings will remain open and tomorrow will be an in-person, half-day for all K-8 students.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Gunuskey, Pandemic Coordinator
Assistant Superintendent