



WALLENPAUPACK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wallenpaupack Area Parents and Guardians:

Today, we received information that three of our students tested positive for COVID-19 (two High School students and one Middle School student-all from the same household). Out of an abundance of caution we have aggressively performed contact tracing to determine possible exposure of students and staff.

There is nothing more important to the Wallenpaupack Area School District than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with local county health officials and the Rapid Response Team at the state level to address this situation. Those students and families that may have been impacted have been contacted and the required response has been communicated to them. We believe our schools are safe and there is no further action needed at this time.

Wallenpaupack Area School District will continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures. COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure. Vigilance in self-monitoring and conducting daily student screenings at home is imperative in curbing the spread of the virus.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Gunuskey, Pandemic Coordinator
Assistant Superintendent