

COVID-19 CASE at DFHS/DFMS CAMPUS

October 29, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, October 29th, the Dobbs Ferry School District was notified that a staff member at the Dobbs Ferry High School/Middle School campus, who has limited contact with students, has tested positive for COVID-19. As a precaution, **the High School and Middle School buildings will be closing today as of 2:20pm and no student activities will take place after that time. The MS/HS campus will remain closed tomorrow, October 30th, as well as on Monday, November 2nd. All learning will take place remotely for High School/Middle School students on both days.**

Springhurst Hybrid AM/PM classes will operate as normal on Friday and Monday.

This is an occurrence we were well prepared for and we are taking the appropriate steps to contain further exposure and allow for enhanced cleaning and sanitizing. Due to state and federal privacy laws, we do not disclose details about members of our community who test positive for COVID-19.

The Westchester County Department of Health has already initiated contact tracing and are in the process of identifying those students and staff who were exposed to the individual, and notifying them about appropriate quarantine. As our classrooms are socially distanced and masks are required to be worn at all times throughout the buildings, we are hoping that this will be an isolated case. The exposed individuals must quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure date and should be tested for COVID-19.

The Westchester County Department of Health has a contact tracing system in place for Westchester County when there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. The intent is to identify those who have been in close contact with a positive person. Close contact means being within six feet of a person with COVID-19 for more than 10 minutes. **If your child is identified as a close contact of the person who tested positive, you will receive a call from a contact tracer. For such calls, your caller ID may read *NYS Contact Tracing* or display a phone number with a (518) area code. Please answer these calls promptly and provide the Contact Tracers with the information they need to protect us all. Furthermore, upon notification from the Westchester County Department of Health, the District will also send emails to families notifying them if their children have been identified as having contact with an individual that is positive.**

Anyone who experiences [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should not come to school or attend classes and should get tested. If your child has any of the symptoms listed in the health screening checklist you should contact your family pediatrician and/or a local urgent care facility to get tested. Please report any confirmed case to our District COVID-19 Coordinator Andrew Klaich. He can be reached at klaicha@dfsd.org. We appreciate

everyone's continued diligence in helping us keep our Dobbs Ferry teachers, students, staff and families as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brady, Ed.D
Superintendent