

COVID-19 CASE AT SPRINGHURST

November 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Earlier today, the Dobbs Ferry School District was notified that a staff member at Springhurst Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. We are still awaiting confirmation and direction from the Westchester County Department of Health. **As a precaution, Springhurst will move to 100% remote instruction tomorrow, Monday, November 2nd. Virtual Parent/Teacher conferences will be held as planned on Tuesday, November 3rd.** We will keep you informed about the duration of this closure once we have additional information, but parents should prepare for extended remote instruction for possibly up to two weeks. The Springhurst Children's Center will also be closed until further notice.

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.

Here is a reminder about 100% Remote Learning:

- Your child's AM or PM cohort assignment remains in place
- K-2 students login using "SeeSaw" & grade 3-5 students login using "Google Classroom" to get their Meet and attend virtually at the following times*:
 - AM Cohort:
 - 8:15 AM (gr K-2)
 - 8:50 AM (gr 3-5)
 - PM Cohort:
 - 12:30 PM (gr K-2)
 - 1:05 PM (gr 3-5)

*(*Note the 15-minute difference in start time from when arrival begins during the in-person learning mode.)*

- All Remote Specials (Art, Music, Library, PE, Technology) and Related Services *(if applicable)* stay on their regular schedule.
 - 8:00 AM - 3:05 PM

- Students already assigned as 100% remote continue as normal

(For more information on the schools' 100% remote models, please see the District's Reopening Plan (<https://www.dfsd.org/Page/2673>) starting on p. 34.)

The Westchester County Department of Health will begin contact tracing and we 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 building, 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