

NEW COVID-19 CASE at Springhurst

November 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, November 3rd, the Dobbs Ferry School District was notified that a student at Springhurst has tested positive for COVID-19. This case is isolated to one 5th grade class and only one cohort (AM/PM) within that class, three staff members and a small group of students who ride one of the buses with the student.

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.

Springhurst will open tomorrow, Wednesday, November 4th as planned with the exception of students and staff who are in quarantine.

The School District is proactively informing all direct contacts who have been in close proximity to the individual who tested positive, prior to receiving notification from the Westchester Department of Health (DOH). Presently, the Department of Health's resources are overextended, and there is a lag time between notification and when they can begin their contact tracing. You will be contacted by 5 p.m. today if your child is considered a direct contact.

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