

NEW COVID-19 CASE Middle School
All Students 100% Remote Learning for 14 days

November 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, November 8th, the Dobbs Ferry School District was notified that a second student at the Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. This new case will involve additional students and staff who will need to quarantine but will not impact the 100% remote learning schedule which begins tomorrow. **The Middle School is moving to 100% remote learning for all middle school students for the next 14 days beginning tomorrow, Monday, November 9th through Friday, November 20th.**

The Middle School plans to reopen for “in-person” learning on Monday, November 23rd with the Blue Cohort barring any other needs for closure by this date.

The current situation does not involve the high school and any scheduled high school activities/plans remain in place.

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 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 6 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.

FOOD SERVICE

Curbside pick up will still be available for all students in the district, 18 years or younger. All students eat free until June 30, 2021. Breakfast and lunch is available for pick up outside the Commons area closest to HS gym (door #43). Because of the Veteran's Day holiday, our food services will be available for curbside breakfast and lunch Monday and Friday only. Monday's distribution will be for four (4) days breakfast and lunch meals then distributing again Friday, November 13th for Friday, Saturday and Sunday meals. Parents or students can [sign up online](#) or call Kathy Weinborg at 914-693-1500 ext. 3011 and leave a message before 9 a.m. on distribution days with the name and how many student meals are needed.

We recognize that this is a disappointing situation for everyone. We appreciate everyone's continued patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brady, Ed.D
Superintendent