



Oct. 9, 2020

Good afternoon!

This is Tammie Burnaford, Interim Superintendent of the Bellefonte Area School District. I'd like to provide follow up information regarding our situation with positive COVID-19 cases in the middle school and high school. Following all established plans and protocols, we have worked very closely with the department of health this morning. At the middle school, one adult tested positive, and at the high school, one student tested positive. The 2 cases are unrelated and do not have any known connections to our elementary schools. For contact tracing, we have worked with the department of health to develop a list of students and staff who may have been in close contact with the individuals who received a positive test. Due to our diligence in adhering to safe practices in our schools and the support of our parents and families, the number of persons who may have been in close contact is minimal, at this time. Our district nurse and administrators already reached out to those who may have been in close contact with the effected individuals. In addition, the department of health also will contact and talk further with those who were in close contact. As mentioned last night, we will deep clean the entire middle school and high school buildings today and over the weekend. Although the student did not ride the bus, our buses are cleaned thoroughly before, between and after each run.

Barring no other cases or new pertinent information, the department of health informed us we may resume classes in all of our schools on Monday, Oct. 12 and activities and athletic events may continue. I will provide a follow up call and email this weekend as a status report.

Once again, we want to thank you for your patience, understanding and support.