



Good evening!

Happy Friday! This is just a quick update for positive COVID cases since Monday. Since my email on Monday, we received confirmation of 17 new cases across the district. Of the 17 new cases, 9 are students and 8 are staff members. A summary of the new cases is shown in the chart below. Two staff of the staff members who tested positive this week may work in more than one building, so they are included in a separate line item in the chart.

Building	Total number of known, confirmed, new cases since 11/15	*Since 11/15, the number of new cases - students/staff that were physically present in the building while infectious
High School	3 (all students)	3
Middle School	1 (staff)	1
Bellefonte Elem.	6 (5 students, 1 staff)	4
Benner Elem.	0	0
Marion-Walker Elem.	4 (1 student, 3 staff)	4
Pleasant Gap Elem.	1 (staff)	1
BeLA	0	0
Central Office Staff or Staff that may work in more than 1 school	2 (staff)	2

I also want to include information about the contact tracing progress for newly confirmed cases, and to try to give a best estimate for the total number of students quarantined in my updates each time. Parents have been notified if their children were identified as a close contact to these 17 cases this week. At the time of this email, there were a total of 34 students quarantined for the 17 new cases that we received notification for since Monday. However, please note that some of the students

quarantined are siblings of a student who tested positive or are the child of a staff member who tested positive.

Barring any breaking news, I'll send my next update letter on Monday morning, as usual. I hope you and your family have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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