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Dear Otto-Eldred Community,

Since Monday, October 4, we received confirmation of two new positive student cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Otto-Eldred Junior Senior High School and one new case in the Otto-Eldred Elementary School. In total, we are tracking 5 active cases between buildings. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location have been completed and the individuals are self-isolating at home.

Due to the consistent masking practices and through application of CDC guidelines, no one was identified as a close contact due to exposure at school. Near 20 students have been identified as close contacts due to exposure in the community. Our school nurse has been in contact with these families to provide guidance on a safe return to school. Our community, our staff and our students are doing a great job supporting district efforts to battle COVID and keep our students in school.

Adherence to the PA DOH Mask Order has prevented numerous students and staff from having to quarantine from the cases identified this week. We are trying to provide students the most normal school experience possible this year. While definitely not ideal, face coverings are helping keep kids in school and keep kids involved with school activities.

We have maintained normal operations due to the diligence of our staff, students, and families. We will continue monitoring trends and timelines to provide our students the best learning opportunity possible. Supporting our students, whether at home or school, is our focus. As we see COVID impact our staff, a change in our instruction model or school calendar may be considered.

A new reporting system will be in effect as of October 15, 2021. The state will be collecting just a total number of positive cases by building each week. As close contacts are identified in school or reported by parents/guardians, we will continue to provide families the most up to date guidance for students to return to school safely.

A survey is now available for parents to submit initial interest in a COVID-19 vaccination for 5-11 year old students. If interested, please follow [this link](#). Below is a QR Code to the survey.

Please visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Health website](http://www.health.pa.gov) (www.health.pa.gov) for the latest and most accurate information about COVID-19. Updates to our Health & Safety Plan as well as other resources are available at the Otto-Eldred School District website at www.ottoeldred.org.

Sincerely,

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