

Good afternoon Northwest Community,

Here is a review of some of our health protocols in preparation for our return to in building instruction Monday, November 9, 2020. The students have done an amazing job with the health and safety precautions in the school and we are optimistic for the next coming weeks.

- ❖ Please continue to check your child using the PADOH symptom monitoring tool prior to coming to school (*attached*). Remember with flu season also upon us, keep your child home from school if your child is sick and contact your healthcare provider.
- ❖ If your child develops COVID-like symptoms during the school day, the same Health Room Protocols will be followed (*attached*). This might include the use of the isolation room as a precaution.
- ❖ If your child is sent home with COVID-like symptoms, information will be given and reviewed with instructions to contact your health care provider. For the welfare of your child and safety of others, specific directions will be included for your child to return to school (*attached*).
- ❖ When a positive case is reported to the district:
 - School nurse communication is immediate with the PADOH and/or Rapid Response Center (RRC). The school community will be notified.
 - The school nurse will collaborate with PADOH and facilitate contact tracing, identifying any close contacts specifically within the school community. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will be notified *as soon as possible by the school nurse* with instructions. You should also receive a call from the PADOH within 24-48 hours. The district will maintain close communication with close contacts and families.
 - Consultation will occur with our school physician as necessary.
 - Additional cleaning of school buildings may be required.
 - Current CDC/PDE/PADOH guidelines for positive cases and temporary school closure will be followed.
- ❖ Please inform your child's principal if your child has tested positive for COVID, been exposed, or has a close family member with COVID-19. This is very important so we could support your child and family throughout this process as well as revise the academic plan if needed. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, the school nurse will contact you and begin the contact tracing process (*attached*). This confidential information is shared only with the PADOH per their contact tracing protocols.
- ❖ Please continue to enforce these healthy behaviors with your child:
 - Wash hands frequently

- Keep hands away from face
- Face covering at all times
- Physical distancing
- Using desk shields during class
- Staying home from school if your is sick

Our community collaboration and support is vital to helping keep our school community safe. Thank you for all your cooperation in the past as well as upon our return to school on November 9th!

Stay safe! Stay healthy!