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Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members:

Please allow this communication to serve as an update related to the current Covid-19 conditions at the Conemaugh Township Area School District. On Friday, November 6, we were made aware of a teacher at the Middle/High School that tested positive and on Monday, November 9, 2020, we were made aware of an elementary student that tested positive for Covid-19. After being notified, district administration contacted the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) for further guidance. After gathering factual information and conferring with the DOH, it was determined that several students that were within six feet for fifteen minutes, needed to be quarantined at home for fourteen (14) days. Those families were notified and their students were assigned to remote learning. Just a reminder that if a student or staff member is required to be quarantined, it does not mean that they are positive for Covid-19. At this time, the DOH does not recommend closure of any of our buildings and we will do everything in our power to remain open.

With that said, I want to remind all parents that a closure could be required at a moment's notice if conditions should change. I am saying this to give you the opportunity to prepare for any child care needs that may be required if we close. The district is and will continue with all Covid-19 health and safety protocols, including extensive cleaning and disinfecting of district buildings and buses.

We remind students and families that no student should attend school if they are experiencing any symptoms, mild or severe, of Covid-19. In addition, as a precautionary measure, we are also asking that families keep students home if there are family members within the home who are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 and are required to quarantine if a family member within the home has tested positive for Covid-19. For more information related to Covid-19, you can go to the CTASD website, Pennsylvania Department of Education website or the Pennsylvania Department of Health website.

It is vitally important that we all continue to work together to ensure the safety of all students, staff and community members.

Respectfully,

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