



SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, and Students,

As cases of COVID-19 have increased in our region and in our local school community over the past couple of weeks, we will continue to provide weekly updates with regards to our current case rates and mitigation. We appreciate your help keeping children who are not feeling well at home.

As of October 8, 2021, 43 SASD students / staff members have been determined to be positive cases for COVID-19 this school year. Please reach out to our school nurses if your student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19 and follow-up with your family doctor:

- Elementary School- Mrs. Amy Costa at 814-887-5012
- High School- Mrs. Jamie Colley at 814-887-5545

SASD must report any positive cases to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH). The state has set forth "Outbreak Containment" guidance for schools that place requirements on SASD to consult with the DOH if a definition of an outbreak occurs in one of our schools. Notices of positive cases are posted on our website at smethportschools.com. Positive cases that factor towards our Outbreak Containment guidance are those where a positive student or staff member was in school during the time period when considered infectious. Infectious period is determined as 48 hours prior to a person either becoming symptomatic (who subsequently test positive) or 48 hours prior to the date of testing positive. Once students and staff return to school from isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test, these students and staff are no longer active cases.

Below is our rolling current active positive case count per building:

Active Positive Countable Case Counts Per Building for the week ending 10/8/21

- Smethport Elementary- 4
- Smethport Jr.-Sr. High- 3

Our students are continuing to do a fantastic job with following mitigation efforts. These efforts have resulted in minimal exclusions from school based on close contact with a positive COVID-19 case at school. Please reach out to either myself or our building administrators with any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards.

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Superintendent of Schools

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