

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the HUBBERS



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Dear SASD Community:

Smethport Area School District has been notified that a student at the Smethport High School has tested positive for COVID-19.

The student was last at school on April 29, 2021. Based on the details of this case, 17 high school students were contact traced. Additional contact traces are possible. The case is a "countable" case for the High School. "Countable" case counts at the High School are at one (1) as of May 4, 2021.

Smethport School District administration will be following Health and Safety Protocols outlined in the SASD Health and Safety Plan and cooperating with any PA Department of Health (DOH) contact tracing activities and directives. We will continue to closely monitor factors in this case.

Parents and families should be advised that situations like this increase the chance that we will shift to remote instruction for our students. Parents should prepare to shift to remote instruction and keep students home on short notice from SASD. It is possible that either the elementary school, the high school or both schools could shift to remote learning. A case is "countable" if the person was in school during the time they were infectious. After a school closure or shift to remote instruction, "countable" case counts reset to zero (0).

If we shift to remote learning, teachers and staff will work from school. Students with no internet may be required to attend school to obtain internet. Based on their educational program, some students may have to attend school. Transportation will still be available and meals will be available for pick up or delivery. The district will consider shifting high school students to remote learning if they are needed at home to assist elementary age siblings and family members.

To keep us open for in-person instruction, everyone must follow all Health and Safety protocols, wear face coverings, practice social distancing, limit travel & activities, and wash hands. It is very important to stay home if you are ill, have been exposed to a known case of COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms.

Sincerely,

David London, Superintendent

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