



Conestoga Valley

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. David M. Zuilkoski, *Superintendent of Schools*

November 3, 2020

Dear CV Community –

Between Saturday, October 24, 2020, and today, Tuesday, November 3, we have had seven confirmed cases, and one probable case, of individuals at the High School testing positive for COVID-19. As the Pandemic Team, we looked at the data surrounding the cases. We conducted very thorough contact tracing and found that all of the positive cases originated outside of the school with no transmission within the school.

Due to our well-established and well-practiced contact tracing protocol, we were able to gather pertinent information in real time and were able to effectively identify and quarantine individuals who ran the risk of contracting the virus.

However, after consulting PA Department of Health (DOH) and PA Department of Education (PDE) guidelines, discussing the situation with our school physician, and with the approval of the CV School Board, **we are shifting instruction at the High School from in-person to virtual for all students effective Wednesday, November 4 through Friday, November 6. Students will return for in-person instruction on Monday, November 9.** During this time, teachers will continue to report to the High School to provide virtual instruction to the students. Any student notified to quarantine prior to the school closing will continue to complete his/her quarantine timeframe. During the shift to virtual instruction, the student body should continue to practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, and wear a mask or face covering where appropriate.

Again, this shift to virtual instruction is not a result of a schedule, of someone not wearing a face covering, or of someone not maintaining social distance; this closure is the result of outside contacts in the community brought into the school. **Please note:** During this five-day period, the building will go through a thorough cleaning and scheduled athletic events will continue as scheduled, following approved COVID-19 athletic guidelines.

Please do not become complacent in your diligence toward this virus as we must continue to follow the basic mitigation guidelines:

- Wash your hands frequently;
- Wear a mask or face covering;
- Maintain social distancing; and
- Avoid large gatherings, especially those where participants are not social distancing or wearing face coverings.

Here at CV we will continue to do everything possible to keep our students, faculty, and staff as safe as possible. We need your help as parents, students, community members, friends, and colleagues to ensure we are doing everything in our power outside of school to stay safe so we can enjoy all that in-person school provides. We are all in this together! We are #CVStrong!

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Superintendent

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