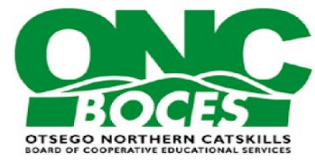


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January 6, 2021

Dear BOCES Community,

On January 6th, we confirmed that a student tested positive for COVID-19. The student attends the afternoon welding program at OAOC and was in attendance on January 4th and 5th.

After review of the classroom and lab practices by the Department of Health, it has been determined that one student had direct exposure and requires quarantine. No other staff or students had direct exposure to the positive case while in the program. Therefore, BOCES has **not** been advised to move the class to remote learning at this time.

The Otsego Department of Health will be working with the home school to determine any close contacts on the bus.

Staff and students in the welding program should self-monitor for any symptoms that arise within the next 10 days and consult with the school nurse or your health care provider if there are any concerns.

News like this positive case can be received with mixed emotions. As always, the safety and health of our students and staff are our top priority. We continue to work to support our students, families, and employees during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit or call the health department in your county of residence. For example, if you live in:

Otsego County: https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health_department/covid19.php

Delaware County: <http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/>

Schoharie County: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/departments/public-health/>

Greene County: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health/>

If you or a family member is exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), please do not go to the emergency room or your healthcare provider without first calling for further guidance.

Please remember that mask wearing, social distancing, and good hygiene are our best defenses against the virus.

We know this time may be stressful for employees, students, and families. If you feel the need to talk to someone, New York State has established a new Mental Health hotline at 1-844-863-9314. Employees have access to resources provided by BOCES from the Employee Assistance Program. The confidential hotline is 1-800-252-4555.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Huber', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Catherine Huber, Ed.D.
District Superintendent