



UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 14, 2020

Dear Families and Staff

The Union Local School District has three new confirmed cases of COVID-19. The first is a student at the elementary school. The second is a bus driver. The third is a teacher at the middle school. All close contacts have been identified and contacted with the elementary school student. Contact tracing is being completed for the two other positive cases.

At this time the Union Local School District will now be operating on a remote learning schedule beginning Monday, November 16 and continuing through and including Tuesday, November 24. An assessment will be made late in the week of November 23rd to determine the necessary operating procedure. In addition to this, all extracurricular activities in the district will be postponed until November 28th.

Please be reminded to contact Union Local Elementary at 740-526-6832 for any health related information related to COVID. In addition to this please contact Union Local Middle and High School at 740-526-1409 for any health related information related to COVID.

In response to a case of COVID-19 in our school system, the following steps will occur:

1. Any student or staff person identified by the school as having close contact, within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be quarantined at home for 14 days. The Belmont County Health Department will be working with the Union Local School District to contact identified student parents or staff for quarantine guidance.
2. The school environment will be thoroughly sanitized.
3. Students and staff who remain in the affected classroom may be checked for fever and symptoms at the beginning of each day and at mid-day.

The symptoms include the following:

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| Fever or Chills | New loss of taste or smell |
| Headache | Sore Throat |
| Cough | Congestion or runny nose |
| Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing | Nausea or vomiting |
| Fatigue | Diarrhea |
| Muscle or Body Aches | |

If other parents or students are concerned, please remember that the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include these simple but important measures to practice as part of a daily routine, especially during times when COVID-19 may be spreading in the community:

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- Wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soap and water. If unavailable, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home while you are sick (except to visit a healthcare professional) and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.
- Wear a face covering when in school and out in the public.
- Practicing social distancing, staying 6 feet or more from others.

Questions can be directed to Ben Porter, bporter@ulschools.com or by calling 740-782-1978 x 2501. In addition to this questions can be directed to the Belmont County Health Department 740.695.1202 or After Hours Emergency (740) 310-2407.

Sincerely,

Ben Porter

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