



UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 27, 2020

Dear Families and Staff

The Union Local School District has one new confirmed case of COVID-19. This involves a student at Union Local Middle School. The district has completed contact tracing and did not identify any additional close contacts.

At this time the Union Local School District will be resuming in person learning beginning December 1. The district will be operating on a hybrid schedule. Monday, November 30, 2020 will be a remote learning day. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1st and 2nd will be Group A students. Thursday and Friday, December 3rd and 4th will be Group B students.

Please be reminded to report any positive covid cases with your child or if your child is quarantined. This information is crucial for our district to make decisions regarding our return to in person instruction. 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 a designated period of time. 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:

Fever or Chills

Headache

Cough

Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or Body Aches

New loss of taste or smell

Sore Throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

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. Families and staff members should be completing daily self assessments in the home environment prior to the school day. Families should be assessing their children for any COVID related symptoms. If there is suspicion that a child may have COVID or has been a close contact of someone with COVID the child should not report to school until the family has contacted one of the Union Local School nurses.
- 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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