

TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

Today, the following individuals tested positive for COVID-19:

- One (1) On-Campus 3rd grader;
- One (1) On-Campus 6th grader;
- One (1) On-Campus 10th grader;
- One (1) On-Campus 11th grader;
- One (1) classified Wilcox Primary School staff member;
- One (1) certificated Samuel Bissell Elementary School staff member; and
- One (1) certificated George G. Dodge Intermediate School staff member.

If your son/daughter or a member of our staff was in close contact with the student or staff members who tested positive for COVID-19, meaning having contact for fifteen (15) or more minutes at a distance of less than six (6) feet, you would have already received another notice with additional information.

Thanks for continuing to encourage your children and each other to practice the safety protocols of six (6) feet social distance, wearing masks, and frequently sanitizing and/or washing hands with soap and water at all times.

As you may know, earlier today, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health designated Summit County as "Purple" in the COVID-19 alert system. Summit County Public Health Department indicated that residents should only leave home for supplies and services and should continue to follow all current health orders. The education of students is a service the Twinsburg City School District provides to our community. Some parents desired educational services to be provided On-Campus this year while others selected the Twinsburg Virtual Academy. We developed our model to be responsive to the needs of our families while keeping the health and safety of our students and of our staff as our priority.

I have been in constant communication with Summit County health officials throughout the pandemic, including several times today during which we reviewed our District's data. It has been very apparent that the pausing of our athletic programs and extra-curricular activities has decreased the spread of COVID-19 at our middle school and high school. Further, the District's health and safety protocols of six foot social distancing, mandatory wearing of masks, and frequent sanitization of hands and high-touch surfaces has minimized the need to quarantine when a positive case is identified.

With very careful consideration of our District's COVID-19 data along with the guidance of our County health officials, our District will continue to operate our On-Campus/Hybrid model as well as our Twinsburg Virtual Academy until Winter Break begins. If your family has a specific concern related to your child's school option, please contact your school principal for assistance.

Sincerely, Kathi Powers, Superintendent

