



# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

I hope the week is going well, thus far, for you. Since December 30<sup>th</sup>, I reported the following positive case to Summit County health officials:

- One (1) On-Campus 11<sup>th</sup> grade student;
- Two (2) On-Campus 12<sup>th</sup> grade students;
- One (1) Transportation Department staff member; and
- One (1) certificated member of the George G. Dodge Intermediate School staff assigned to the campus of Twinsburg High School this year.

Again, as the majority of our students are learning remotely through January 15<sup>th</sup>, classroom specific notifications will not be sent unless a positive case is confirmed in the classroom of the students who are on campus during this remote learning period. We are hopeful that this period of remote learning will provide the appropriate incubation for COVID-19 following any group activities that may have occurred over Winter Break so that our students and staff can return to the healthiest learning environment on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last night, the Ohio Department of Health released new guidelines for schools regarding social distancing. The guidelines indicate that three (3) feet social distance protocols can be used without the need to quarantine when a positive case is connected to a classroom of students. The new guidelines do not apply to athletics or extra-curricular activities, only to classroom settings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines acceptable social distancing as a minimum of six (6) feet. Following conversations with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, it has been determined that our current school protocols will continue as established, meaning, we will maintain the six (6) foot social distancing standard that has been in place since the school year began. With COVID-19 vaccinations on the horizon, the social distancing standard and its implications will be discussed as they relate to the 2021/2022 school year, however, for the foreseeable future, we will continue to implement the health and safety protocols initially introduced in our *Strategies for a Safe & Responsible Return* document published in August 2020. Further, at the December 16, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, it was determined that our District will continue to apply the quarantine period of fourteen (14) days, as recommended by health officials from the Summit County Public Health Department.

Please continue to remind your children and each other to practice the COVID-19 safety protocols of wearing a mask, keeping socially distanced from others, and frequently sanitizing hands and/or frequently washing them with soap and water.

Sincerely,  
Kathi Powers  
Superintendent

