



# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

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

- One (1) Virtual/CVCC 12<sup>th</sup> grader;
- One (1) certificated staff member who works with some of our elementary school students (grade 2); and
- One (1) certificated staff member who works with our high school students.

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.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19 in Summit County, earlier today, the Summit County Public Health Department released a document entitled, "Public Health Recommendations for School Administrators, Staff, Parents, and Students". A copy of the document is attached to this evening's Blackboard Connect message. This document provides guidance in a number of areas, but two (2) are of particular interest to our school district:

- All youth, collegiate, amateur, and club sports competitions should stop. This includes inter- and intra- team scrimmages and close contact drills. Skills training and conditioning with proper precautions can continue; and
- Consider dropping your learning modality by one level for older students in order to minimize risk.

As I've mentioned many times since this pandemic began, it is imperative that we analyze our District's own data and adhere to the guidance offered by our County health officials in all health and safety matters related to this ongoing pandemic.

With regard to our District's extra-curricular activities and winter sports programs, we will provide further updates as our staff develops plans for skills training and conditioning for each winter sport. If these plans deviate from the original plans already approved by health officials, we will need to resubmit the plans for review. It is not anticipated that we will begin these activities prior to the dates noted in last night's correspondence. Further, based upon the County's recommendation, the dates upon which competitive play will resume will need further consideration.



Based upon the strong recommendations from Summit County Public Health officials, the Twinsburg City School District's academic offerings will move forward as follows:

1. Through December 18<sup>th</sup>, our students in preschool through grade 6 will continue to participate in either on-campus classes or in the Virtual Academy, based upon their parents' selection from August 2020. Our primary and elementary school students will continue with school "status quo".
2. Students in grades 7 & 8 will pivot to remote learning from home effective Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. This will provide our families with time to plan accordingly. Further, this provides our staff an adequate opportunity to assist our students in transitioning to the remote platform through careful planning and guidance. Students will be expected to follow our typical school day schedule.
3. High school students are scheduled to complete the Ohio State Tests this week and are on campus only as scheduled. High school students are engaged in remote learning from home if not scheduled for assessments or in the afternoons of their testing days. Beginning Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> through the beginning of Winter Break, all high school students will fully pivot to remote learning from home. Students will be expected to follow our typical school day schedule.
4. Students attending the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will continue to follow the programming defined by CVCC. Transportation to and from CVCC will be available for our high school students.
5. Effective Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, on-campus "Zero Period" classes will pivot to virtual academic opportunities.
6. Students in grades 7 – 12 with the most significant learning challenges will continue on-campus classes unless their parents request otherwise. Director of Pupil Services Mrs. Tajuana Hunnicutt and her staff will be in contact with parents in the next day or so to discuss this in greater detail.
7. The recording sessions and virtual presentations of our holiday concerts are cancelled. However, please note that our music educators may be recording students' performances which will be viewable via google classrooms.

As a school district, we must remain responsive to the health and safety of not only our students and staff members, but to our families and to the greater community as well. Although we had not expected to pivot to remote learning from home for our middle school and high school students in grades 7 – 12 until after Winter Break, given today's strong recommendation from Summit County Public Health officials, it is time to do so. Again, students in preschool through grade 6 will continue to participate in either on-campus classes or in the Virtual Academy through the beginning of Winter Break.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as our District responds to this ever-changing COVID-19 landscape. We are truly grateful for the confidence and trust you have in our school district.

Sincerely,  
Kathi Powers  
Superintendent

