

Holgate Local Schools



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Dear Holgate Local Schools' Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to notify you that a student in the Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. We understand that this may create questions and we want to provide as many answers as we can in this letter.

The Henry County Health Department will contact you if your child is deemed to be a close contact of the individuals who tested positive and will give you further instructions if your child will need to quarantine for 14 days.

When someone tests positive for COVID-19 in the school district, the following steps are implemented:

- The positive case remains home from school per health department recommendations and cannot participate in any school-related activities until all criteria are met to return. These criteria are in accordance with the Henry County Health Dept. and the Ohio Department of Health. This is handled between the individual who tested positive and the local health department.
- A thorough cleaning takes place of the area(s) occupied by the individual who tested positive.
- The school district cooperates with the Health Department to identify any potential contacts with the positive case. Providing student and staff contact information helps with contact tracing in the event that more individuals will need to be excluded from the school facility and activities. Again, the Health Department will notify you if your child is deemed to be a close contact and will give you further instructions.

Because your child may have been exposed, we ask that you please closely monitor your child for any of the symptoms listed below and contact your medical provider if you have any questions regarding COVID-19.

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| Fever | Chills | Cough | Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing |
| Fatigue | Headache | Sore throat | Muscle or body aches |
| Diarrhea | Nausea | Vomiting | Loss of taste or smell |
| Congestion | Runny nose | | |

More information about COVID-19 can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov or at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. Please refer to the *Contact Tracing: Do Your Part to Keep Henry County Healthy* document on our District website at www.holgateschools.org.

Take good care,

Kelly J. Meyers
Superintendent