

Dear Willsboro CSD School Community,

Today, December 29, 2020, the district has learned that an individual at Willsboro Central School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a non-instructional staff member that does not work in a classroom.

We are currently working closely with the Essex County Health Department to identify this individual's contacts at the school. Anyone identified as **having prolonged, direct exposure** will be contacted by the school district and/or the Essex County Health Department and be advised on the need to quarantine and/or be tested. If you do not receive a call, then you have not been identified as having direct, prolonged contact with the positive individual. Due to the current holiday break from school, it is expected that there will be few if any other individuals at WCS quarantined from this positive case.

Please note that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other privacy laws restrict us from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information. We cannot identify anyone who has tested positive or been quarantined.

It is important to know that:

- All students are required to be screened and have temperature checks completed daily.
- All students and staff are required to wear masks.
- Classroom desks are set up with appropriate social distancing and students have assigned seats.
- Seating assignments and social distancing also occurs on school buses.
- Classrooms, buses, and common areas are disinfected and sanitized daily, as well as between student use.

Please remember that safety is everyone's responsibility and we need to work together to keep everyone safe. Please do not send your child to school sick. If you suspect that you, your child, or someone in your family has been potentially exposed to COVID-19, please contact your personal medical provider. Also, it is important to follow the current NYS travel guidelines that are in place for interstate travel.

At this time, the district still plans to return to in-person instruction at the end of the holiday break on Monday, January 4, 2021. We will continue to work closely with local health officials to monitor community rates in the coming days and weeks following the holidays.

Anyone with questions about the district's health and safety protocols should contact the district's COVID-19 Resource Officer via email at district@willsborocsd.org.

Any additional questions, including information about quarantines and testing procedures, can be directed to the Essex County health Department at (518) 873-3539.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,



Justin Gardner
Superintendent of Schools