

Dear Willsboro CSD School Community,

Today, January 11, 2021, the district has learned that an individual at Willsboro Central School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is an employee that works in the elementary school.

We worked closely with the Essex County Health Department to identify this individual's school contacts. **All students and staff members that had direct, prolonged contact with the positive student at school have already been contacted by WCS.** If you were not already contacted, then you have not been identified as having direct, prolonged contact with the positive individual. Individuals that have been contacted will receive official quarantine information from the Essex County Health Department.

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.

At this time, WCS will be shifting to remote learning starting tomorrow January 12th through Friday January 22nd with an anticipated return to in-person learning on Monday, January 25th. An update will be provided no later than Friday, January 22nd if an extension is needed.

- **Students in grades 6-12** will follow their daily schedule and join classes via Google Meet at the same time they would meet in-person at school.
- **Students in grades PK-5** will receive more information about their remote learning schedule from their classroom teachers.

Attendance will be required for all students each day during this remote learning period. Any student that is not logged on or completing assignments for a day will be marked absent. **It is the expectation that all classes will be attended and all assignments will be completed during remote learning.**

Meal and material deliveries will be scheduled for later this week. Also, an online form will be shared with parents to request items needed during the remote period.

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) 873-3500.

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