

Dear Willsboro CSD School Community,

Today, January 8, 2021, the district has learned that an individual at Willsboro Central School has tested positive for COVID-19. **The individual is an elementary student that last attended school on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

We worked closely with the Essex County Health Department earlier today 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.

**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.

**At this time, in-person classes will continue at WCS for all students not in quarantine. Students connected to this positive case will be remote next week (1/11-1/15)** and classroom teachers will be in touch with more details.

We will continue to work closely with local health officials to monitor community rates in the coming days and weeks.

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](mailto: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