



RASD COVID 19 Update
10-27-2020

RASD COVID UPDATE (10-27-2020): On Tuesday, October 27, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) notified RASD that a high school student (also an athlete) tested positive for COVID 19 late Monday. PA DOH advised the District to contact trace from October 17, 2020 forward as the student reported on 10/26/2020 that symptoms began on 10/19/2020.

Based upon the PA DOH recommendations for “close contacts” of positive COVID 19 cases, RASD has quarantined the Elker Football Team (grades 9-12); notified JASD, who quarantined their students who play on the football team; the football coaching staff; and students in close contact with the positive case during the school day, during that time period. In addition, RASD notified the Brookville Area School District administration.

Close contacts notified today, unless otherwise specified, are required by PA DOH to quarantine for 14 days (Oct 24-Nov 6, 2020). All students (and their parents) and staff who were in close contact with the positive case have been notified. If close contacts develop symptoms or test positive, they should contact their health care provider and the school nurse.

In talking with parents and guardians throughout the morning, concern was expressed about exposure at a parent hosted homecoming dance on October 17. The sponsors of the dance were notified by the District this morning. A parent sponsor indicated that they would conduct contact tracing for the dance.

The District cannot emphasize enough the importance of wearing face coverings, staying 6ft from others, washing your hands, avoiding gatherings and staying home if you are sick. The COVID 19 cases are spreading at events outside of the school setting and being brought into the school. PLEASE help to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 in our community and please help protect our more vulnerable neighbors. We are in this together!

Note: Parents of close contacts will be contacted as the contact tracing procedures unfold. General public updates will be provided upon completion of required procedures. They cannot be provided in the midst of the process. Parent/guardian emails will be sent through building secretaries each time there is an update. Updates are also posted on the District FB page and District Website. If you are a community member and do not have children in the District but would like updates, please email mcmahonheather@rasd.us and you will receive the central office update.