



# Avella Area School District

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## NOTIFICATION OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE LETTER

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is to inform you that your child has been identified as a close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. The close contact exposure may have been on the bus, in the classroom, or in the lunchroom. The Avella Administration and Professional Staff follow the latest PA Department of Health and CDC guidelines for close contact exposure when there is a confirmed case of COVID-19.

As you are aware, COVID-19 is a disease that is capable of rapidly spreading person-to-person. If someone is infected, that person can expose other people to COVID-19 even if they show no symptoms. Symptoms may include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

As of January 20, 2022 the Avella Area School District's current contact tracing guidelines involve notifying those individuals who have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Please reference the District's COVID-19 protocol listed on the district's webpage for COVID-19 quarantining and COVID-19 positive guidelines.

Should your child start to develop symptoms (please reference the District screener) then he/she must quarantine. Please contact Mrs. Bakaitis at [bakaitie@avellasd.org](mailto:bakaitie@avellasd.org) for further information.

If you choose to do a voluntary quarantine for your child because of exposure, please email the following individuals: at Avella Elementary Center, Mrs. Lori Ragan at [raganl@avellasd.org](mailto:raganl@avellasd.org), and at Avella JR/SR High School Mrs. Kathy Adams at [adamsk@avellasd.org](mailto:adamsk@avellasd.org) indicating that you are doing a voluntary quarantine. During that time, your child will access her/his school work and lessons via Google Classroom. The voluntary quarantine period will not be marked absent from school as long as he/she is keeping up with the school lessons/assignments.

We highly recommend that students who have been exposed get a COVID-19 test 5-7 days from exposure. Day 5 of exposure for your child is: \_\_\_\_\_.

If your child tests positive, please keep him/her home and contact the school nurse. We are also highly recommending that all students wear a mask to school especially if they have been in contact with a student who is positive for COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Avella Administration