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Dear Avella Area School District Parents/Guardians

The Avella Area School District learned recently that a staff member of our elementary school tested positive for COVID-19. This is the only confirmed case in our District currently.

Per our established protocol, we have been in contact with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH). Contact tracing was conducted and individuals identified as contacts were notified and directed to quarantine in accordance with DOH guidelines. We are taking all recommended steps to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Following PADOH guidance, school will continue as scheduled and the identified staff member and close contacts will remain in isolation as directed. Please note, all affected areas were deep cleaned with disinfectant mist machines.

As a reminder, anyone experiencing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 is urged to contact their primary care physician immediately and to notify the school nurse if there is a positive report or exposure to a positive person. It's also important for us to once again highlight the need for social distancing in public spaces and gatherings, wearing a mask and washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not readily available).

Please heed the warnings/advisories medical experts are sharing with gatherings of groups and visits to hot spots. Please visit the PADOH website (www.health.pa.gov) for the latest and most accurate information about COVID-19.

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount, and we continue to follow all aspects of the District's health and safety plan at all times. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. We will get through this together.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Avella Area School District