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Dear Parent/Guardian:

September 17, 2020

On September 17, 2020, the Whitehall-Coplay School District was notified that an individual within the Whitehall-Coplay High School was diagnosed with COVID -19. COVID-19 spreads mainly by respiratory droplets and close contact with a person who is infected with the virus. The parents/guardians of students who may have had significant contact with the individual with COVID -19 during the infectious period will be notified by PA Department of Health to inform you of what to do next.

We are sending you this notification to remind you to be diligent about monitoring your child for symptoms of COVID- 19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from no symptoms to severe illness. If symptoms develop, they appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Please see the [WCSD Student Screening Procedure CARD](#) regarding screening your child at home for symptoms of COVID-19. The CDC continues to update [COVID-19 Symptoms](#) on their website. Refer to this website for the most recent list of symptoms.

Please note that if your child develops a fever, dry cough or other related COVID-19 symptoms, follow [CDC guidelines for what to do if you are sick](#) and the [WCSD Student Screening Card](#) for guidance. **Your child should not attend school until evaluated by his/her physician or licensed care provider.** If your child is diagnosed with COVID- 19, notify the school nurse immediately.

While prompt action is key if your child develops symptoms of COVID- 19, it is equally important to assure that your child is practicing the proper ways to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19. These ways include:

1. Proper use of facial masks (and eye coverings, if using)
2. Avoiding touching his/ her face
3. Appropriate technique for hand washing.
4. Avoiding contact with items frequently touched by others
5. Practicing social distance at all times

There are educational videos on the school website to review these ways to reduce risk. Please also review the [CDC recommendation for taking steps to protect yourself and others](#).

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please contact the PA Department of Health at 1-877--PA-Health or the Local Health Department at 610-821-6770.

We wish you and your family good health and continued safety as we navigate this respiratory pandemic. Thank you for your diligence in helping us to mitigate COVID-19 in our community.

Sincerely,

WCSD Administration