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Dear Kernsville Elementary School Staff and Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to make you aware that we were notified today by the Department of Health that three individuals (from the same household) that were last in attendance at Kernsville Elementary School on October 14 (one individual) and October 20 (two individuals) have subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Due to procedures related to privacy laws, I am limited in what I can say. I urge you to also respect the privacy of our students and staff.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) is monitoring these individuals. The PA DOH is responsible for all contact tracing and school district administration has assisted our public health officials with this endeavor. Staff members and students that are determined to be a close contact with these individuals will be directly contacted by PA DOH with instructions to quarantine. There are no close contacts to report at Kernsville Elementary School.

PA DOH officials have determined there is no need, at this time, to close Kernsville Elementary School for students and staff and school will continue as scheduled. We will continue to clean and disinfect, as appropriate, and our school building remains safe for occupancy.

Anyone experiencing symptoms should self-quarantine and contact your doctor. If you are feeling ill, it is recommended that you separate from others in the home, wear a face mask, cover coughs and sneezes, clean hands and surfaces often, and avoid sharing personal items. It should be emphasized that anyone who is ill should stay home except to get medical care. As you know, virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills without a fever, sore throat, muscle aches and pains, and temporary loss of smell or taste. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your individual health and COVID-19, please contact your primary care physician.

We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Sniscak  
Superintendent of Schools  
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