



District Notification of Positive COVID-19 Cases

November 13, 2020

Dear FPS Parents, Guardians, and Staff;

We recognize the increase in cases is raising questions and concerns. While the district numbers have gone up, they are spread across 20 separate FPS locations. We are monitoring cases and quarantines on a building by building basis. Some neighboring districts have been forced to close specific schools due to staff cases and quarantines. At some point, we may need to do the same in a particular building, but that has not happened yet.

The social distancing and cohorting provided by our hybrid model continues to minimize the number of students who may be exposed to a positive case in school. The Fairfield Health Department Contact Tracing Team, with support from our schools, continues to swiftly identify and quarantine close contacts. As long as community spread does not significantly impact our school locations, we will continue to make decisions on a building-by-building basis.

Today, we have more positive cases:

Fairfield Ludlowe 2 Fairfield Warde 1 Tomlinson 1 Holland Hill 1

Contact tracing has been confirmed and any close contacts are now in quarantine. No building closures are indicated. If there is a need for anyone else to self-quarantine, they will be contacted directly by a member of the Fairfield Health Department Contact Tracing Team.

Information related to case investigations is confidential and private health information will not be disclosed by FPS or the Fairfield Health Department. Health and safety protocols were followed in consultation with Sands Cleary, Director of the Fairfield Health Department, and Jill Mitchell RN, Nursing Supervisor.

The safety of our community is our priority. We are monitoring this situation closely and will continue to keep you informed of any changes or additional information.

Respectfully,

Mike Cummings
FPS Superintendent

Angelus Papageorge
COVID-19 Health And Safety Compliance Liaison

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS



Case: Individual who tests positive for SARS-CoV-2 by laboratory-confirmed PCR or Antigen Test.



Close Contact: Person exposed for 15 minutes or more, cumulative in a 24 hour period, within six feet of a Case.



School setting: classroom, other interior school location, bus stop, bus or other form of transportation, school grounds, or school-related event held at other locations.

Contact Tracing: Close contacts in the school setting will be identified by the School Nurse, Principal and Central Office working with the Fairfield Health Department's Contact Tracing Team and advised to quarantine for 14 days.