

Subject: COVID Positive at HS

November 22, 2020

Dear Onteora Families,

Unfortunately, as we are watching COVID cases increase across our region, I have to report additional cases within our school. We have had two individuals within the same family test positive over the weekend. They were both last in the building on Friday.

Both individuals are within our HS community. The District was notified immediately, and it has been confirmed with the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH). We have again followed our process and worked with the UCDOH in order to assess the situation.

We followed our contact tracing protocol and determined the exact areas where the individuals had been on Friday and who was in proximity. We identified several close contacts in the building that require quarantine, and have contacted them directly. The determination of a proximate contact is based on a rubric from the county that looks at the types of contacts, locations, and time frames associated with the individual.

We continue to work with the UCDOH, and if new information arises, we will keep everyone informed.

As we have a different cohort in the building on Monday and Tuesday, we have decided not to move to a remote learning environment prior to the break.

Please know that we continue to keep the health and safety of our school community as our highest priority. We will remain vigilant and continue to monitor the situation as we move through the fall.

Sincerely,

Victoria McLaren  
Superintendent of Schools