



District Notification of Positive COVID-19 Cases

December 3, 2020

Dear FPS Parents, Guardians, and Staff;

We are often asked about data relating to in-school transmission. During this time of widespread community transmission and the prevalence of asymptomatic cases, it is a challenge to definitively state that any one particular case is attributed to a specific exposure at a specific location. As you can imagine, there are a variety of factors that confound such determinations, such as students or staff members who socialize both in and outside of school, or individuals who may not recall or remember to disclose all potential exposures. That said, to date, we believe there have been two instances where in-school transmission is one possible explanation. In both instances, we have corrected any conditions and/or practices that may have enabled the possible transmission.

Moving on to today's new positive cases:

Fairfield Warde 2

Burr 2

Stratfield 1

In-school 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.