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Dear Catasauqua Area School District Parents/Guardians,

The Catasauqua Area School District was notified today of 2 confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) at Sheckler Elementary School and 1 confirmed case at Catasauqua Middle School. Appropriate family members and contacts have been notified and appropriate quarantine/isolation is in effect for impacted individuals in accordance with CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines. The cases identified above are included in case counts.

With an abundance of caution and in alignment with current PDE and PA DOH recommendations relative to four active cases within a rolling 14 day timeframe, **Sheckler Elementary School will move to Virtual Instruction through Tuesday March 23, 2021 and return to In-Person Instruction on Wednesday March 24, 2021.** The Sheckler Elementary School building will be closed. However, due to only one active case at CMS, **Catasauqua Middle School will remain Open for In-Person Instruction.** Please be aware that we work directly with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and consider local school data when making decisions to alter the instructional mode. To date, health and contact tracing data does not indicate spread occurring within our school buildings, and our mitigation efforts have proven to be successful in creating a safe environment for our students and staff. Thank you All!

You are encouraged to do the following to help prevent the spread of illness at home and in school:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough and sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Practice social distancing and wear a face covering.

Please keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following signs or symptoms: fever (100°F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, lack of smell or taste, sore throat, chills, muscle pain, headache, congestion, or runny nose. Also, please follow updated CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendations in an effort to contain the community spread of COVID-19.

The Catasauqua Area School District will continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as needed. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff are our highest priorities. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact your building administration. We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Spengler

Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent