

High School COVID Closure 9.16-22.21

The high school is experiencing a high number of positive cases of COVID-19, associated close contacts, and classroom outbreaks. Within the current 14-day window, the high school has 19 confirmed cases with several more potential cases under investigation today and pending confirmation. There have been over 300 students identified and sent home as close contacts or as symptomatic around these confirmed and pending cases.

The high school will move to remote learning starting tomorrow, Thursday, September 16, and continue through next Tuesday, September 21, unless we notify you that conditions have not adequately improved by then. Waiting to come back until at least next Wednesday allows the symptoms of the majority of recently infected students to show up. This time period keeps those students that are pre-symptomatic but infected from coming to school and further spreading the virus.

Mr. Lehman and/or your son or daughter's teachers will follow up providing additional details on remote instruction as necessary. All high school sports and extracurricular activities starting this evening and continuing within the closure time frame are canceled or postponed.

The District is taking action in accordance with the guidelines of the PA Department of Health (DOH) and the protocols established in the District's Health and Safety Plan, including contact with the DOH and the county health department, contact tracing, quarantining individuals that were in close contact, and appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of affected areas.