

August 10th, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Today the district received confirmation that a secondary staff member in USD 289 has tested positive for COVID-19. The district has been in contact with the Franklin County Health Department and are following all guidelines and recommendations regarding this matter. The Franklin County Health Department and USD 289 will be in contact with any direct contacts of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and making determinations/recommendations on when a person and or family members should be quarantined. Summer events and activities in USD 289 are not impacted by this situation at this time. USD 289 takes the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously and we will continue to work with health officials to continue to protect the health and safety of all students and staff in the best way possible. We encourage parents to continue to encourage all family members to practice good hygiene and virus prevention practices.

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Distance yourself from others when in public, especially if you are a senior or have a medical condition that puts you in a high-risk category.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a <u>cloth mask</u> when in public.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or tissue. Throw the used tissue away and immediately wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily -- including phones, keyboards, doorknobs, handles and light switches with an EPA-registered disinfectant.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 or possible symptoms, exposure, etc., please contact the Franklin County Health Department at 785-229-3530. We will continue to communicate with families by email and/or phone using our Apptegy system if there are updates, changes, or concerns.

Sincerely, Ryan Bradbury Superintendent USD 289 Wellsville