



October 3, 2020

Raymond J. Kinder  
Superintendent

Tamaqua Area SD Families:

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On Friday evening, we were informed that an individual in our school district tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a staff member at our middle school and is now in isolation. Thankfully, that person is nearly asymptomatic and feeling well. All other information related to the individual is strictly confidential.

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When the school was informed of the positive case, we immediately contacted and received guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and supplementary health consultants. Communication occurred with data collection and risk assessment performed by the Department of Health. After this consultation, it was determined that no students were identified as being at risk and quarantine is not recommended for any students.

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As has been the case, all of our buildings are disinfected daily. Students and staff have been diligent in mitigation factors and working to maintain a healthy environment. We ask that you continue and improve upon those efforts.

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This is an opportunity to remind all members of our community of the importance of wearing face coverings, keeping socially distant whenever possible and disinfecting hands and surfaces regularly. We also want to remind families to complete the district's health screening tool that is to be used prior to coming to school each day. Staying home when sick or when exhibiting symptoms not only keeps you safe, but also minimizes the risk of infection or quarantine by others.

Should you have any questions or concerns I ask that you reach out to any central office or building administrator. We encourage an open line of communication and transparency to avoid confusion and any inaccurate information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder".

Raymond J. Kinder  
Superintendent, TASD