

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Families:

We have learned of two staff members at Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School that have tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, these individuals are currently isolated and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released. One individual was last present in the district on January 5th and the other individual was last present in the district on January 8th.

We have reviewed both cases with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Given the specifics of these cases, the Department of Health has advised us that *contact tracing is necessary* for both cases. All students and staff at Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School that were in contact with these staff members have been notified. If you have not been contacted by the school to quarantine, you do not need to quarantine.

Due to staffing issues as a result of the need to quarantine because of these recent cases, Seymour Smith ILC and Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School will be in full-remote learning starting January 14th through January 29th. Our tentative return to in-person learning for Seymour Smith ILC and Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School is February 1, 2021.

These recent cases did not impact staffing at Cold Spring ELC, therefore, Cold Spring ELC will continue to operate in the hybrid learning model.

Other key information:

- **BOCES students will still be transported to CTI;**
- **PSAT scheduled for Jan. 26th is cancelled;**
- **If you need food delivery, please email mealorder@ppcsd.org;**
- **HealthyKids will remain open.**

Please be reminded of the following:

- If any staff member / student shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is essential that the individual stay home. Please notify the district if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.
- Please continue to utilize the health screener when you are scheduled to be in any of the district buildings.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse or building administrator.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent