

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Families:

Today, we learned of a staff member at Cold Spring ELC that is presumed positive for COVID-19.

The individual was last present in the district on January 15th. Due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released.

We have reviewed this case with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Given the specifics of this case, the Department of Health has advised us that *contact tracing is necessary*. All students and staff at Cold Spring ELC that were in contact with the staff member will be notified. If you are not contacted by the school to quarantine, then it is not necessary for you to do so.

**Due to staffing issues as a result of the need to quarantine because of this recent case, Cold Spring ELC will be in full-remote learning starting January 19<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. Our tentative return to in-person learning for Cold Spring ELC, as well as Seymour Smith ILC and Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School is February 1, 2021.**

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