

# PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff, Parents, and Families:

Today, we learned of two staff members at Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS that tested positive for COVID-19.

The individuals were last present in the district on January 12<sup>th</sup>. At the time, the individuals was free of any symptoms, wearing a mask as per the District protocol, and social distancing standards were followed. Due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released.

We also learned of a student at Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS that tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual was last present in the district January 8<sup>th</sup>. At the time, the individual was free of any symptoms, wearing a mask as per the District protocol, and social distancing standards were followed. Due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released.

In addition, we learned of a staff member at Seymour Smith ILC that tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual was last present in the district on January 5<sup>th</sup>. At the time, the individual was free of any symptoms, wearing a mask as per the District protocol, and social distancing standards were followed. Due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released.

We have reviewed these cases with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Given the specifics of each case, the Department of Health has advised us that contact tracing is not necessary.

We learned of a staff member at Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS that is presumed positive for COVID-19.

The individual was last present in the district on January 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School that were in contact with this staff member have been notified. If you have not been contacted by the school to quarantine, it is not necessary for you to do so.

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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