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## Wyckoff Schools Weekly

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Dear Wyckoff School District Community,

Congratulations to the recently elected Student Council officers in Grade 5. The Student Council is one way for students to develop their leadership skills and serve their fellow students. We are proud of each student who participated in the election process.

As of today, we have seen 16 COVID-19 cases across the District since September. The cases reported thus far appear to have resulted from outside exposure, and not from school spread. We continue to consult with our local health officials at Bergen County Department of Health and to follow their recommended actions for each positive case. As a reminder, the District protocol for responding to positive cases reported is found on page 15 of [New Jersey Department of Health Guidance Document](#) linked on our District [website](#) and pasted below:

SCENARIO	CLOSURE
1 confirmed case in the school	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days.
2 or more cases in the same classroom (outbreak limited to one cohort)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days. Recommendations for whether the entire classroom would be considered exposed will be based on public health investigation.
2 or more cases within 14 days, but are linked to an exposure outside the school setting (e.g. in same household, exposed at the same event outside of school)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive cases are excluded from school for 14 days.

2 or more cases within 14 days, linked together by some activity in school, but who are in different classrooms (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Recommendations for whether school closure is indicated will be based on investigation by local health department.
A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (e.g., large event or large local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the school community	Consider closing school for 14 days, based on investigation by local health department.
2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Close school for 14 days.
Very high risk of community transmission (refer to COVID-19 Regional Risk Level Matrix)	Close school until COVID-19 transmission decreases.

\*Note: A temporary closure may also be considered for a period of 2-5 days if a student or staff member attended school while potentially infectious, before being confirmed as having COVID-19. This short-term dismissal allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and perform contact tracing.

Our school nurses and school administrators have done an excellent job in working with county health officials to respond to each case in a timely and effective manner. Our talented faculty and staff continue to rise to the challenge of meeting students' academic and health needs in a complex and ever-changing environment. And our supportive parent community has been forthcoming with pertinent information about their children's health in a timely manner, and in following our [protocol](#) on when students should and should not report to school. These combined efforts are keeping our students and staff safe and allowing us to continue with the paramount business of teaching and learning.

As we approach school holidays and recesses, please be reminded of destinations that have been designated by Governor Murphy as having increasing rates of COVID-19. Traveling to those destinations requires individuals to quarantine or isolate for 14 days after returning home to New Jersey. If you would like to confirm whether a particular destination is designated as having increasing rates of COVID-19 that require you to quarantine if you travel there, you may access the [Governor's Travel Advisory List](#). This website is updated daily.

Please note the following important reminders:

**November 18** – Parent-Teacher Conferences (cont'd)

**November 25** – Minimum Day

**November 26-27** – Thanksgiving Recess

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerry L. Postma".

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