

March 29, 2021

The District was notified Sunday of one COVID Case at Northern Elementary and two COVID cases at Wellsville Elementary, requiring that both schools be closed per PDE's closure orders. In addition, today the District was notified of three COVID cases at the high school.

Northern Elementary's case involved a staff member last in the building on March 18 and was its second case within the 14-day period. Because of the timing of the notification, we were able to notify the staff and families and close the building from Monday, March 29 through Wednesday, March 31.

Wellsville Elementary's cases involved a staff member last in the building on March 19 and a student last in the building on March 26. Our notification of the second Wellsville case came too late last evening to close the building for Monday. As a result, Wellsville's closure will begin Tuesday, March 30 and continue through Wednesday, March 31.

April 1 begins the Easter Break, after which both schools will reopen.

The high school's cases involved three students, two whose last day in the building was March 25 and one whose last day in the building was March 24. This is the second, third and fourth cases for the high school within the current rolling 14-day period (six cases require a closure).

The District has taken action in accordance with the guidelines of the PA Department of Health (DOH) and the protocols established in the district's Health and Safety Plan, including consultation with the DOH, contact tracing, quarantining individuals that were in close contact, and appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of affected areas.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In education,

Steve Kirkpatrick
Superintendent of Schools