

May 17, 2021

District Families,

Today the District has been notified of six cases of COVID-19 in our schools within the current rolling 14-day period: four cases at Northern Middle School, one case at Wellsville Elementary School, and one case at Northern High School.

The middle school cases are students last in the building on May 12 (two students), 13, and 14; the Wellsville case is a staff member last in the building on May 11; and the high school case is a student last in the building on May 13.

Because the middle school has accumulated four cases within a 14-day period, the building must close per [PDE's Closure Orders](#). The one-day building closure will be tomorrow, Tuesday, May 18. Staff and students will operate in the remote model of instruction. The middle school will reopen on Wednesday, May 19.

The District is taking 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