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## WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 6, 2020 Update

Dear WHEC Parents/Guardians:

The Wyomissing Area School District considers the health and safety of our students, staff, and community to be of the utmost importance. As such, we have been carefully following our Health & Safety Plan that was approved by our School Board and developed for a safe return to school for our students. We feel it is important to keep our community informed of any on-going developments involving our students and staff.

As you may recall, on August 31st we informed you that some students at our JSHS had tested positive for COVID-19. The students were quarantined the previous weekend and did not attend school. The students and their families continue to follow quarantine protocols as implemented by our school nurses per direction from the PA Department of Health. We continue to closely monitor the outcome of testing for students who were quarantined and have not attended school during the 2020-21 school year. We have also updated our District COVID-19 Dashboard which can be accessed at the following

link: [https://www.wyoarea.org/our\\_district/WASDREOPENINGPLANCOVIDUPDATES/w\\_a\\_s\\_d\\_c\\_o\\_v\\_i\\_d-19\\_d\\_a\\_s\\_h\\_b\\_o\\_a\\_r\\_d/](https://www.wyoarea.org/our_district/WASDREOPENINGPLANCOVIDUPDATES/w_a_s_d_c_o_v_i_d-19_d_a_s_h_b_o_a_r_d/)

This weekend we learned that a WHEC staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 and was at school last week. We sent an additional communication to parents/guardians of one WHEC classroom. In support of the safety of students and staff, and in consultation with the DOH and our medical professionals, we are providing all Grade 1 instruction virtually from September 8th through September 18th. Grade 1 WAVE remains unchanged and students enrolled in Hybrid will receive an additional communication with specific information related to the upcoming instructional school days. We plan for Grade 1 Hybrid students to return to in-person education beginning on September 21, 2020.

We will continue to monitor this situation and will follow-up if needed. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea. If your child begins to experience any of these symptoms, please keep them home. We recommend that you review the guidelines from the DOH and contact your healthcare professional with specific questions. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the WHEC Administration or Mrs. Delp, our School Nurse at [bdelp@wyoarea.org](mailto:bdelp@wyoarea.org) or Ext. 4105.

Please visit the District's website for additional information on COVID-19/Reopening at the following link: [https://www.wyoarea.org/our\\_district/WASDREOPENINGPLANCOVIDUPDATES](https://www.wyoarea.org/our_district/WASDREOPENINGPLANCOVIDUPDATES)  
We thank all for your patience and understanding as we work together through these challenges. We are striving to see all of our students safely return to campus, and we will continue to work to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,  
Robert Scoboria  
WASD Superintendent