



October 24, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A case of COVID-19 has just been reported in the Neillsville Elementary School. The exposure date to others in school would have been 10/15/2020. As always, the school district will be cleaning and disinfecting the school to control the spread of illness.

Any staff member or families of the children who interacted closely with the individual within the school are being contacted. The individual who has tested positive will be excluded from school until they have been determined to be no longer infectious by their local health department. Close contacts, determined by local health departments and school district staff, will be excluded from school for 14 days from their last date of exposure to the positive individual, and will be monitored for symptoms by their local health department. In this case, the return to school date for any close contacts will be 11/2/2020.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that is spread even before individuals show symptoms. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Thus, it is ever important for all students, family members, and staff members to closely watch for symptoms that are outside of their “normal,” and to stay home if they are ill. If symptoms occur, please contact your medical provider to request testing.

Please remember to slow the spread of COVID-19:

1. Stay home when ill.
2. Wear a face covering when in public if physically able.
3. Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
4. Clean frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, etc.
5. Limit unnecessary travel, events, or large gatherings.

We all need to continue to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to keep our students and staff members safe. Please contact District Administrator John Gaier (715-743-3323-5) for further information.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter,

The School District of Neillsville and the Clark County Health Department