

# **HUNTINGDON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **Covid 19 update from October 15 & 16**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Huntingdon Area School District administration was informed that a middle school learner(s) had tested positive for Covid-19 on October 15, 2020. Upon notification of the positive test result, Mr. Foster closed the middle school for in person learning for Friday, October 16, 2020. Additionally, on Friday, October 16 we were notified of a second positive test result from the middle school. The building administration continued the process of “contact tracing” throughout the day.

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Education website, a “close contact” is defined as individuals who have been exposed (within 6 feet distance for at least 15 consecutive minutes) to someone who has been infected by the virus and it is unknown if the close contact will go on to develop Covid-19. All parents/guardians of learners that were in “close contact” have been contacted directly by the building administration or nurses prior to the release of this letter. If you have not been notified at this time, then you are not considered a close contact by the school district.

We have identified two (2) positive cases of Covid-19 and forty (40) close contacts. Those identified as close contacts will be quarantined from school for 14 days and will participate in remote learning.

The Huntingdon Area School District administration has been and will continue to be in communication with the Department of Health (DOH). The administration will monitor all situations regarding Covid-19 and will keep parents/guardians informed.

Thank-you for your attention to this matter. We greatly appreciate the support and cooperation by those that we have been in direct communication with.

Fred Foster, Superintendent