



ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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For Immediate Release:

ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFIRMS 6 POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES ANNOUNCES HIGH SCHOOL WILL START CLASSES VIRTUALLY FOR FIRST WEEK KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE WILL BEGIN AS PLANNED IN HYBRID MODEL

Positive cases related to several sports programs

Elizabeth, PA August 28, 2020 - The Elizabeth Forward School district has verified that six students as well as a part-time employee have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals were part of several athletic programs at the high school level. In accordance with the guidance from the CDC and the Allegheny County Health Department, the District took immediate action to shut down practices for the affected activities and mandated a 14-day quarantine.

Additionally, with consultation from the Allegheny County Health Department, Elizabeth Forward High School will now be starting all remote learning for the first week of school (August 31-September 4). Kindergarten through 8th grade students will be following the hybrid educational model outlined by the district.

The following mitigation steps have been outlined by the district, including:

- No individual(s) will return to a school building until they have completed isolation procedures for COVID-19.
- The impacted facilities have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.
- Contact tracing is being conducted by the district and the county health department to verify if any other possible exposures occurred.
- Following all of the protocols as outlined by the school district's return to school plan.

"We have and are continuing to work closely with the Allegheny County Health Department and are following their lead on how to manage this situation," said Dr. Todd Keruskin. "We have also taken proactive steps to inform all of the families with students directly impacted by this situation. Since this matter relates to potentially private health information of our employees and others, we are unable to provide additional detail at this time."

Elizabeth Forward School District is committed to protecting the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff. As this is an evolving situation, we will continue to keep the public informed when we have new information to report.

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