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Dear Pittsville School District Families and Staff:

A positive COVID-19 elementary teacher was identified last night. The school will contact you on behalf of the Wood County Health Department if your child is considered a close contact of the positive case. If you are not contacted, your child may continue attending school as scheduled. Very important, infected individuals may be contagious up to two days prior to showing symptoms.

Staying healthy, and when you are not, staying out of the school environment is still the best way to keep the school open and avoid risks to others. We strongly encourage you and your family to take steps to avoid unnecessary exposure while celebrating the holidays. It is not our place to tell people how to live their lives, but our ability to stay open for students depends on your cooperation with the school and County Health Department. There is little debate the best place to serve our students is in school and we need your help to be able to continue to make this possible.

Students in grades 6-12 will be in full 5 day a week attendance beginning *Monday, January 18* to begin the second semester. Please help to slow the spread of COVID-19 by remembering to do the following:

- Stay home when ill or a household member is ill and keep all household members home.
- Wear a face covering.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water; hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- Clean frequently used surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, etc...
- Limit unnecessary travel.
- Maintain physical distances of 6 feet from others as much as possible.
- Avoid large crowds or gatherings.

If you are symptomatic, you are presumed positive unless you receive a negative test result. If symptoms occur, please contact your medical provider to request free testing. You may contact the school office or the Wood County Health Department (715-421-8911) with questions.

Sincerely,

Rodney Figueroa

Pittsville School District has a COVID-19 Dashboard with current COVID-19 data on our website.