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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff.

We have all had challenges adapting to the changes put in place to make your school's as safe as possible. The changes made to our learning spaces is a significant reason why our school remains one of the safest places outside your household, while communities around us are experiencing significant community spread.

Wood County has been facing a significant upward trend in positive test results which exceeded 42% last week and does not show signs of slowing or peaking. The Health Department is struggling with individuals who refuse to cooperate with contact tracing. In some cases individuals who become ill after being identified as close contacts choose not to self quarantine and continue to go about their normal day of work, shopping, eating out, sending children to school, etc.

As of Thursday morning this week, Pittsville School District has 3 active COVID-19 cases and 30 close contact quarantine individuals representing all students and staff. Our rate of positive cases for our total building population is less than one half of one percent (.46%) and remains in the lowest identified CDC category as it relates to community spread. So far, the district has not been a source of COVID-19 infection for any school identified close contacts outside of a positive person's household. This is encouraging news and is the result of great effort and sacrifice from our families and staff. Our exclusion/quarantine procedures and you as parents accepting the responsibility of keeping children home when they or any household member is symptomatic has helped keep our school buildings open.

As the holiday season approaches, your household may not be able or willing to alter their interactions with friends and family. We encourage everyone to take reasonable precautions to keep your family and friends safe. What is needed upon returning from any gathering is the conscious effort to keep your children home if they or any other household members are symptomatic until it is determined what the illness is or is not.

Please help us slow the spread of COViD-19 so we can keep our schools open.

Our best for their best,

R. Figueroa, Superintendent Pittsville School District