



Spooner Area School District

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Dear Families,

The Spooner Area School District has been notified by the Health Department that an additional student at Spooner High School has tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, all Spooner High School students will continue to learn remotely on **Friday, January 15th**. We will return to in-person learning on Monday, January 18th. Spooner Elementary and Spooner Middle School students will continue to have classes as scheduled.

Under the direction of the Washburn County Health Department, the individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from on-campus activities until they have been determined by the Health Department or a physician to no longer be infectious. Students and staff who interacted closely with the individual during school or extracurricular activities will be contacted by the Health Department and given specific instructions. Close contacts (those who were within 6 feet of the individual for greater than 15 minutes during the infectious period) of the individual will be quarantined from on-campus activities for 14 days past the date of last exposure and will monitor for symptoms. School staff has identified these students and contact has been made with their families.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and may include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, headache, and new loss of taste or smell. COVID-19 is a virus that can spread two days before an individual shows symptoms and can be spread by infected individuals who never show symptoms (asymptomatic). Thus, it is ever important for all students and family members to closely watch for symptoms that are outside of their "normal" and stay home if ill. If symptoms occur, please contact your medical provider to request COVID-19 testing. Please remember to slow the spread of COVID-19: Stay home when ill. Wear a mask when in public if physically able. Wash hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable. Clean frequently used surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, etc. Limit nonessential travel, events, large gatherings, or contact with non-household members as much as possible. We all need to continue to do our part to slow the spread and keep our students safe. If you have questions, contact district nurse Sarah Hamilton.

If your student begins to develop symptoms while they are at home on a remote learning day, please contact the high school office and let them know. 715-635-2172

Thank you