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**Fwd: PALMS and SPR COVID Message 11.11.20**

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To: Donna Holmes <dholmes@palisadesd.org>

Thu, Nov 12, 2020 at 3:19 PM

***Stay well and be safe!***

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From: **Dr. Bridget O'Connell** <superintendent@palisadesd.org>  
Date: Wed, Nov 11, 2020 at 12:35 PM  
Subject: PALMS and SPR COVID Message 11.11.20  
To: <dholmes@palisadesd.org>

**Dear Palisades Families,**

I realize this is the third such notification I have sent to you in as many days which is why this notification will include additional information about our protocols, updates to our COVID dashboard, as well as an article from today regarding increasing cases throughout the state.

Last evening, Tuesday, November 10th, Palisades School District received notifications that a staff member from Palisades Middle School, as well as a student who participates in the Palisades Cyber Academy (PCA) from Springfield Elementary, have both tested positive for COVID-19. Close contacts, if any, have been contacted directly. A close contact is defined as a person who was within six feet for 15 minutes or more of a positive case.

Our schools are not closing for in person instruction due to these positive cases. As is the case with these two positive cases, we are currently not seeing in-school spread. Rather, these cases were reported due to either family or community exposure.

Please refer to this link with in our Health and Safety Plan from the Bucks County Department of Health (BCDH) regarding our protocols for determining school closures (question #1). <https://tinyurl.com/ya5wglN5> While this FAQ was written prior to the start of school, I was in touch with the BCDH today and the guidance remains the same.

Additionally, please note that our COVID-19 Dashboard has been revised in several ways including:

- Elementary buildings have been separated
- Face to Face (F2F) and Palisades Cyber Academy (PCA) cases will be reported separately
- The dashboard will be updated following community notification
- The weekly count is now updated as positive cases are reported rather than as a total at the end of each week

To visit our COVID-19 dashboard, please go to [www.palisd.org](http://www.palisd.org) and click on the Health and Safety Plan Communications link on the bottom left of our homepage.

**Please see the attached article from today's edition the Bucks County Courier Times (below my signature) regarding community spread and pandemic fatigue contributing to increasing cases throughout the state.**

**As always, please continue to monitor symptoms of your child(ren) and seek guidance from your healthcare provider if symptoms emerge. As always, if your child is sick, please keep him/her at home.**

**Thank you for your continued support of our staff and students.**

**Sincerely,**



**Dr. Bridget O'Connell**

**Superintendent**

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