

November 17, 2020

Dear Berlin Brothersvalley School District Families,

We continue to be affected by COVID-19 issues as we attempt to keep teaching and learning going as rigorously as possible for our students.

We were notified this morning that one of our cafeteria staff was exposed to COVID. Our COVID team met this morning and discussed the situation. We participated in a conference call with the Department of Health and also sought guidance from an epidemiologist.

Based on this information, we need to quarantine the majority of our cafeteria staff for two weeks. This situation will require the district to be virtual for all grades K-12 from Wednesday, November 18 through Tuesday, November 24. We will return to school in person on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

***If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19, then children in the home should not be sent to school until the results of the test are received.**

The decision to continue virtual instruction does not impact extracurricular activities at this time and students may continue to engage in these activities in the schools.

The District is in close communication with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and is coordinating all actions in accordance with their guidance as well as protocols established within the District's Health & Safety Plan.

We are confident in the steps that have been taken to safeguard all of our students and staff. We are thankful to our families for being careful to keep symptomatic children at home.

It is important for our community to follow safety guidelines in terms of mask and face coverings, social distancing and general safety measures as outlined by the PA Department of Health. Positive cases of COVID-19 and close contact even if asymptomatic require us to follow protocols for quarantining staff and students. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19, then children in the home should not be sent to school until the results of the test are received.

Should any updates be necessary on this specific case, we will provide follow-up communication.

Sincerely,

Dr. David F. Reeder
Superintendent