



**Peasley Middle School**  
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Dear Peasley Middle School Families and Colleagues:

This communication comes to inform you that we received notification on Sunday, January 10, 2021, that a student has tested positive for COVID-19. This student participated in an after school activity (Winter Sports Conditioning Period) and last participated on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Contact tracing has been completed, and close contacts were identified. All close contacts have all been notified and will now enter quarantine.

As a reminder:

- The contagious period begins two days before the start of symptoms. If a person does not have symptoms, the contagious period starts two days before the date of the positive test.
- A close contact is defined as a person who has been within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative period of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period starting two days before the onset of symptoms or diagnosis.

Students, families, and colleagues should continue to monitor their symptoms using the daily COVID screening measures. Symptoms include of COVID-19:

Cough	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Chills	Muscle pain
Sore throat	New loss of or change in taste or smell
Diarrhea	Congestion or runny nose
Nausea	Vomiting
Fever (temperature greater than 100.4 or when one feels warm to the touch or gives a history of feeling feverish)	

We urge all students, families, and colleagues to take the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Monitor closely for signs of illness. If you or your child are sick or showing any symptoms, please stay home. School policies are flexible to accommodate students who need to stay home due to illness, but be sure to notify the school if your child will be out sick for the day.
- Practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and people outside your household.
- Wear a cloth face covering over the mouth and nose to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If handwashing is not available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

Sincerely,

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