March 2, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The district was made aware of a positive COVID-19 case at Belle Vernon Area High School in the late afternoon of Monday, March 1, 2021. This case resulted in the district needing to contact trace. If your child was a close contact, you will be contacted by the school. This will be the third positive case in a fourteen-day rolling period for the high school.

If your child is displaying any symptoms or has been in close contact with a positive COVID person, please do not send them to school and have them follow the recommendations for quarantining and notify your child’s building nurse or principal. It is extremely important that we all work together for the safety of our students and staff.

The signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are listed below. If you or your child are concerned about an exposor or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your primary care physician for further guidance. For more information on COVID-19, visit the PA Department of Health’s website at www.health.pa.gov.

What are the signs and symptoms of COVID 19? Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposor to the virus and may range from mild to severe.
Symptoms include:
• Fever or chills
• Cough
• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
• Muscle or body aches
• Headache
• New loss of taste or smell
• Sore Throat
• Congestion or runny nose
• Nausea or vomiting
• Diarrhea

We have been in direct contact with the PA Department of Health and are following their recommendations as the health and wellness of our students and our community are always our highest priority. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools