



# BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has come to our attention that there has been a known COVID-19 positive case at both the Marion Elementary and Rostraver Elementary School on October 16, 2020. Due to when the students were physically present in the buildings, it is not necessary for us to do contact tracing in each building per the PA Department of Health. To explain this further, if a student is tested on Friday for COVID and comes up positive on a Tuesday, the PA Department of Health has us do a 2-day look back for contact tracing. This means that we would look at where the student had been beginning on the Wednesday before testing. If the student was not in school on Wed or Thursday, the school district does not have to do any contact tracing nor is it considered a positive case in the district. Please understand that these are the guidelines from the PA Department of Health not the district.

The signs and symptoms of COVID 19 are listed below. If you or your child are concerned about an exposure 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](http://www.health.pa.gov).

What are the signs and symptoms of COVID 19? Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure 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