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Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has come to our attention that we have a COVID-19 positive case at Belle Vernon Area High School on February 9, 2021. We had to do contact tracing for this case and if your child was a close contact, you would have been contacted by the school. This makes two positive cases for the high school in the current 14-day rolling period. We were also notified of a positive case at Rostraver Elementary today. This case requires contact tracing, if your child was a close contact you would have been contacted by the school. This makes for one positive case at Rostraver Elementary in the 14-day rolling period.

We are requesting that families be extra vigilant right now. 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. Symptoms that you may associate with a common cold are also symptoms of COVID19 so please keep students home and have them participate remotely if you have any concerns at all.

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.

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 are following the recommendations from the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education, as the health and wellness of our students and our community are always our highest priority. We want to remind parents that we are recommending students wear face masks instead of shields as they have been proven to provide better protection. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools