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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We were notified of another positive COVID case at Marion Elementary School at 3:30 today. The administration and school nurses are conducting the contact tracing and if your child was a positive contact, you will be notified by the school. As I stated in my letter yesterday, if Marion gets its fourth case, it will have to close. This is the fourth case in the current 14-day rolling period. Marion Elementary School will be doing remote instruction for Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 and will return to in-person instruction on Monday, May 3, 2021. Please understand that I know this is a very difficult situation for parents, but we do not have any other option but to follow the Pennsylvania Department of Education's closure procedures.

Cases for today and current 14-day rolling period:

Building	# of Positive Cases	# of Positive Cases in 14-day Rolling Period
BVAHS	0	7
BVAMS	0	0
MES	1	4
RES	0	2

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. We are seeing an increase in cases in our 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.

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. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools