



January 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Germantown was informed today that two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

Per our health and safety protocols, Germantown Central School District has been in close communication with the Columbia County Department of Health to determine any necessary follow-up. As a result of all school community member's extended absence from the building, the Columbia County Department of Health has determined no contact tracing is required within our school because these positives occurred while not in session.

While I understand that you may want additional details, privacy laws restrict us from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information.

We ask that all families continue to follow all safety guidelines outside of school hours including proper use of face coverings, social distancing, proper hand hygiene and avoiding gatherings and travel to states with high positivity rates.

Please monitor your child(ren) for any symptoms of COVID-19 and report any absences and positive COVID-19 test results to your child's school. Symptoms vary, and some people may not experience any symptoms. Please contact your healthcare provider (or the county health department if you do not have one) to be assessed if you or your child have one or more of these new or worsening symptoms:

- a temperature greater or equal to 100.0° F
- feel feverish or have chills
- cough
- loss of taste or smell
- fatigue
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- muscle pain or body aches
- headaches or nasal congestion/running nose

Thank you all for your ongoing efforts to keep Germantown safe and healthy. Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bragg  
Superintendent of Schools  
Germantown Central School District

