

## *Health Update #2*

*August 30, 2020*

*MCA Learning Community:*

*Due to a notification of a second COVID related (positive case) the Mount Carmel Area School District will be closed to all students and staff tomorrow, Monday, August 31st to allow for additional deep cleaning to our facilities. There will also be no extra curricular activities tomorrow, Monday, August 31st.*

*Starting on Tuesday, September 1st and on Wednesday, September 2nd we will be conducting two (2) days of instruction virtually in our Junior-Senior High School building only. Our hope and goal is to return to full in person instruction in the Junior-Senior High School on Thursday, September 3rd.*

*The elementary school will remain open to all students that chose in-person instruction starting on Tuesday, September 1st.*

*Students attending the Northumberland County Career and Tech Center will have class as originally scheduled tomorrow, Monday, August 31st.*

*We apologize for the lateness of this message but this decision was made after hours of communication with the PA Department of Health, Local Emergency Management and discussions with our school board and administration. All mentioned are aware of our second confirmed case. The PA Department of Health will be working closely with our school district to determine if any student or staff member would need to possibly quarantine as a result of this second case.*

*These decisions are being made in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools following Identification of COVID cases. Again our administration has been in contact with the*

*PA Department of Health for most of the day today, who is helping advise our school district at this time.*

*As mentioned on Friday with our Health message - The health and safety of our students and staff is of the highest priority to our district. We will continue to follow our Health and Safety plan related to any COVID issues. We ask families and our students to continue to keep their children home from school if they are experiencing any symptoms. We ask that everyone continue to wear masks and take social distancing seriously so we can reduce the spread.*

*Finally, as we have discussed previously with our learning community - guidance could change at a moment's notice and families are asked to prepare for any possible child care related issues moving forward.*

*Thank You,*

*Mr. Cheddar*



# Level of Community Transmission Table

**Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools in Determining Instructional Models:**  
**Low:** Full in-person model or; blended learning model  
**Moderate:** Blended learning model or; full remote learning model  
**Substantial:** full remote learning model  
[More information on recommended instructional models and levels of community transmission: education.pa.gov/COVID19](https://education.pa.gov/COVID19)

*The table below is updated weekly on PDE's website ([education.pa.gov/COVID19](https://education.pa.gov/COVID19)) to reflect data for the week ending the previous Friday.*

County	Week ending 8/21/2020	Week ending 8/14/2020	Week ending 8/7/2020	Week ending 7/31/2020
MUNROE	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
MONTGOMERY	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
MONTOUR	Moderate	Low	Low	Low
NORTHAMPTON	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
NORTHUMBERLAND	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
PERRY	Moderate	Low	Low	Low
PHILADELPHIA	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
PIKE	Low	Low	Low	Low

<b>Level of Community Transmission in the County</b>	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</b>	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</b>	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</b>
<b>Low</b>	1 student or 1 staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	2-4 students/staff in same school building <b>OR</b> <5% of total number of students/staff in a school building are cases <b>OR</b> Multiple school buildings with individual cases who are not household contacts	5+ students/staff in same school building <b>OR</b> ≥5% of total number of students/ staff in a school building are cases <b>OR</b> Multiple school buildings with 2-4 cases who are not household contacts
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Substantial</b>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>