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This is a message for students and parents of the Mount Carmel Area School District.

Unfortunately our school district has seen another uptick in positive COVID cases. This case count has not affected our learning model due to the latest change to recommendations by the Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education on how to respond to positive case counts in our buildings. The latest guidance has lowered the amount of days a building must remain closed to students and staff if a certain number of positive cases are identified. Our district has been able to “reset” our positive case count the last two weekends due to our buildings being closed to students and staff and completing proper deep cleaning.

Regardless of our ability to remain open to in-person instruction we would again like to remind our families of the following:

- Please continue daily morning screenings of your child before sending them to school.
- Please keep your child home if they are sick or exhibiting any COVID 19 symptoms.
- Please keep your child home if you believe they were in contact with a COVID positive case or if a family member is awaiting test results.
- Continue to practice consistent wearing of masks, social distancing, and proper hygiene practices such as consistent washing of hands.
- MCA will update our real time tracker with updated case counts. The tracker is found on the main district website at www.mca.k12.pa.us.
- MCA will continue to communicate immediately with any staff or student that may be considered a close contact of a positive case.

We are hoping this uptick will end but families are reminded to at least prepare for child care related to a possible return to virtual instruction for a short time if cases continue to rise and case counts warrant a closure. Our district will communicate any changes to our learning model as quickly as we can.

MCA will be fully open to in person instruction tomorrow, Monday, April 12th.

Please refer any questions to your building principal main office or the district office.

Thank you and have a great evening.