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MCA Learning Community:

The Mount Carmel Area School District received notice this morning of two (one staff member and one student) positive COVID-19 cases. Both cases are related to the same household and are both in the Junior-Senior High Building. Both were last in our building on Tuesday, November 10th. We have already communicated with our nursing department and the Pennsylvania Department of Health about these cases and we have begun the process to conduct contact tracing.

At this time, in an abundance of caution, we have decided to move to remote virtual learning for all students grades Pre-K to 12 on Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th. Students will be expected to follow their teacher specific Google Classroom or follow teacher specific classroom instruction for the next two days.

All extra-curricular activities are paused as well until Monday, November 16th.

Lunches will be available tomorrow in both buildings for pickup from 10:30am – 12:30pm. Students will receive meals for Thursday and Friday.

Our plan is to return to in person instruction on Monday, November 16th.

We made this decision based on two factors. One is to give our district the ability to deep clean the buildings and classrooms and the second is the number of students and staff members currently quarantined due to potential positive cases.

Our return to in person learning is dependent upon the continued responsible behavior of our entire school learning community which includes the importance of daily morning screenings before coming to school and staying home if sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Many resources are available on our main website that can help with the morning screening process.

As always, please refer any questions to your building administrator or district office.

Sincerely,
Pete Cheddar