



Streator Township High School

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Dear Streator High School Community,

This release is to inform you that an additional Streator High School Student and a Staff Member have tested positive for COVID-19. Both individuals are currently in isolation to avoid further spread. **Anyone who is identified as being in close contact with these students will be contacted directly by Streator High School or the LaSalle County Health Department.**

The health and safety of Streator High School students and staff is our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

To prevent further spread of the disease, Streator High School will take the following:

- Placing staff members and students who are identified as having close contact to the COVID-19 case(s) in quarantine for 14 days.
- Ongoing monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness and evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks.
- Conducting a deep clean and disinfection of the areas impacted by potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- Students are required to wear face coverings at all times, as previously directed and per school policy.
- Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while in contact with children and other staff in the facility.
- We are continuously sanitizing high-touch surfaces including door handles, stair rails, sink faucets, etc.
- We have removed plush toys and other toys that cannot be properly or frequently disinfected.
- We are teaching students the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing:
 - Students are discouraged from sharing personal items, e.g., water bottles.
 - Students are learning new ways to greet each other without touching.
 - Students are reminded to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth, and to cover coughs and sneezes.
 - Students will be taught to wash their hands frequently and properly, following CDC guidelines on handwashing.

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- As we receive more information from the Department of Public Health and other entities, we will implement additional recommendations and guidelines.

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, Streator High School, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families. Please continue to follow our COVID-19 Dashboard on our website at <https://www.streatorhs.org/coviddashboard> for the latest updates.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at (815) 672-0545 or by email at mseaton@streatorhs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Seaton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matt Seaton

Superintendent

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