



Bloomsburg Area School District COVID-19 Communications Protocol
September 7, 2020



The Department of Health notifies the school district through its contact tracing protocols. Out of respect for the privacy of our families and our students, along with guidance set forth by PDE and DOH, the Bloomsburg Area School District will report those cases brought to us by the Department of Health requiring contact tracing and potential quarantine in our schools. In our experience thus far, the Department of Health has been thorough and detailed with their notifications to us. As we are all in this together, it is essential that as a School District, we allow the Department of Health to be the determining factor in COVID-19 decisions. While we appreciate some would like an update on suspected cases and individuals who may have been tested, this is neither legally nor ethically our information to publicize.

Once we are notified, we follow the follow steps all in the same day of the notification from the DOH:

1. Notify any faculty, staff, and the parents of students involved in the contact tracing, along with the School Board, of the Department of Health notification.
2. Notify any impacted students and our general faculty and staff population. If the students are in school, we will follow the guidance of DOH and/or our health professionals regarding quarantine.
3. Upon the completion of #1 and #2 above, we will post an update on our website and send a one-call notification.

As a District in a community experiencing COVID-19 *substantial risk status*, it is essential to acknowledge and commend our faculty, staff, and students for their consistent adherence to our Health and Safety Plan. Through continued focus and a shared sense of the common good, we will not only survive these challenging times, but become better for them.