



*Sweet Home Central School District
of Amherst and Tonawanda*

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Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Sweet Home School District Families and Staff,

The District was able to verify this afternoon a positive case of COVID-19 at Sweet Home High School. This individual was last in the school building on September 22, 2020.

This letter serves as an informational notice to our school community and **DOES NOT** mean that you or your child have been exposed to or have come in close or proximate contact with the COVID-19 positive individual.

The District will comply with applicable privacy laws and rules including all rules and protocols of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA). It is important to note that the individual in question is in isolation and joins the District in cooperating fully with the County Health Department as it conducts its contact tracing protocols. The ECDOH will directly communicate with any individual who may be identified as a close or proximate contact to the positive COVID-19 individual so that further health and safety measures can be taken. **If you have not been directly contacted by the ECDOH, the Department has indicated no subsequent action is required for you or your child(ren) at this time as it pertains to this positive case.**

The District has been collaborating fully with the ECDOH to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and school community. The rooms occupied by this individual have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Once identified, no one will enter an area previously occupied by the individual unless sanitized in accordance with applicable Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Department of Health guidelines.

Please contact your child's school nurse, your own health care provider or the [Erie County Department of Health website](#) to learn more about signs and symptoms of COVID-19, along with health and safety preventative measures to help slow the spread of the disease. If you or your child has any symptoms related to COVID-19 (Fever of 100°+, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell, nausea, sore throat or headache), contact your health care provider.

As a reminder, please also be sure to complete the daily COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire to help keep our school community as healthy and safe as possible. Thank you for assisting us with this very important health and safety measure.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Day
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