

October 8, 2020

Dear Child & Career Development Center Staff and Families,

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) considers our staff and students' health and well-being to be of the utmost importance. This letter is being sent so you can make informed decisions regarding your health and your family's health.

We were notified today, Thursday, October 8, 2020, that an individual that was present at the Child & Career Development Center (CCDC) the week of October 5 has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual has been advised by medical professionals to self-quarantine at home for 14 days. The individual was in contact with ten individuals while at the CCDC during the week of October 5, and those individuals have been notified.

We have contacted the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) regarding this incident and are following their guidelines.

It is recommended that you observe yourself and your family members over the next few days for any of the common symptoms of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms, and many of these symptoms are common for other medical conditions. Please visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> and contact your medical provider if you have concerns.

We will be conducting a deep cleaning and sanitation of the CCDC facilities and common areas, including using an electrostatic mist sprayer to disinfect affected areas. Please know that our protocols include regular cleaning of our facilities. The CCDC will remain open as scheduled, and staff and students should report as usual unless contacted by the Health Department.

We continue to ask that all staff and students perform a health screening and temperature check before coming to any CCIU buildings. If individuals detect an elevated temperature or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they should remain at home and contact their medical

provider for guidance. If you have been in direct contact with a person who has COVID-19, please contact me for guidance regarding reporting to work or school attendance.

We understand that news such as this is alarming during the pandemic. Please know that we are taking every precaution in the interest of our staff and our students' safety, and we are following the guidance of the Chester County Health Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your health or your family's health, please contact your health care provider for additional information. If you have concerns about the safety and precautions that we are taking at the CCIU, please reach out to me.

Stay well. Wear a mask. Wash your hands.

Best regards,

Susan Mateka, Ed. D
CCDC Principal