

November 22, 2020

Dear TCHS Brandywine Families & Staff,

We were notified that an individual from the TCHS Brandywine building has tested positive for COVID-19. We have contacted the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) regarding this incident and are following their guidelines. The individual has been advised by medical professionals to quarantine at home for 14 days.

It was determined that the individual had contact with ten individuals at this time. The CCHD will directly notify anyone deemed to have direct contact with the individual. Additionally, in collaboration with the CCHD, **the TCHS Brandywine Campus will remain open as scheduled, and staff and students should report as normally scheduled unless contacted directly by the CCHD or a program administrator or supervisor. If contacted, your class will meet remotely on November 23 and 24, 2020.**

For families that do not have access to technology, please reach out to Jason Knecht at jasonk@cciu.org to obtain a device. All students and staff who were notified by the program supervisor are being asked to voluntarily self-quarantine during this time.

Per the established protocol, we have completed deep cleanings and have sanitized all the affected areas, including using an electrostatic mist sprayer to disinfect. Please know that our protocols include regular cleaning of our facilities.

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. Please visit the CCHD website at <https://www.chesco.org/224/Health> for more information and contact your medical provider if you have concerns.

We understand that news such as this is alarming during the pandemic. Please know we are taking every precaution in the interest of staff and students' safety, as informed by the Chester County Health Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. If you have any questions regarding your health, please contact your health care provider. If you have further questions about the safety and precautions that we are taking at the CCIU, please contact me.

The Chester County Intermediate Unit considers our staff and students' health and well-being to be of the utmost importance. We are committed to providing timely and transparent information to the greatest extent possible to continue making informed decisions regarding your health.

Your support by wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently, social distancing and staying home when you do not feel well, among other precautionary steps, is critical to help mitigate risk for yourself and others. Stay well.

Sincerely,

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