

Dear ESC and CLS Staff,

The CCIU was notified yesterday, Monday, January 11, 2021, that an individual that was present at the Educational Service Center (ESC) has tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, there is another individual who is presumed positive for COVID-19 who was present in the Communication and Online Learning Center. It has been determined that these cases are not related. We have contacted the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) regarding the individual and are following their guidelines regarding a presumptive positive case of COVID 19. The individuals have been advised to quarantine at home for 14 days.

It was determined that the individuals had close contact with seven other people while onsite. Anyone deemed to have close contact with either individual will be notified directly. Under the CCHD's guidance, the **ESC and Communications & Learning Solutions (CLS) buildings will remain open as scheduled and staff should report as normally scheduled.**

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 www.chesco.org/224/Health for more information and contact your medical provider if you have concerns.

Per the established protocol, we will be completing deep cleanings and sanitizing all the affected areas, including using an electrostatic mist sprayer to disinfect. Please know that our protocols include regular cleaning of our facilities. We continue to ask that all staff and students perform a [health screening 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 a staff member has been in direct contact with a person who has COVID-19, please contact your supervisor for guidance regarding reporting to work.

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 CCHD 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 Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU), please contact your direct supervisor.

The CCIU 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 staying home when you are sick, wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently and smart social distancing, among other precautionary steps, is critical to help mitigate risk for yourself and others.

Please continue to stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Mary Jeanne Curley

Director of Communications & Learning Solutions