

Dear CCDC Families & Staff,

We were notified today, Wednesday, February 10, 2021, that an individual that was present at the Child & Career Development Center (CCDC) campus has tested positive for COVID-19. We have contacted the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) regarding the individual and are following their guidelines. The individual has been advised by medical professionals to quarantine.

It was determined that the individual had direct contact with four people at this time. The CCHD or CCDC staff will contact anyone deemed to have direct contact with the individual. Based on guidance from the CCHD, **the CCDC campus will remain open, and students and staff should report as usually scheduled unless directly notified.** While the prior Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) guidance stated our building would need to close at two cases in a 14-day period, the new guidance from the CCHD allows the CCDC to stay open since contact tracing was completed and the building will be deep cleaned and sanitized overnight.

To see a current list of 14-day rolling cases at the CCIU, please visit covidashboard.cciu.org. The dashboard is updated at the end of each business day.

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 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.

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 further questions about the safety and precautions that we are taking at the CCIU, please contact me.

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 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.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Mateka

CCDC Principal