

November 16, 2020

Dear Pleasant Valley Parents, Students, and Staff,

We were notified that one individual at Pleasant Valley Intermediate School and one individual at Pleasant Valley Primary School tested positive for COVID-19. Working with the Peoria County Health Department, we contacted the individuals who have had close contact with this individual to prevent further spread within our facility and community.

The positive case at the Primary building was in the Bright Futures class. Due to the nature of working with 3 and 4 year olds, maintaining six feet of social distancing is difficult. Therefore I have made the decision to move both Bright Futures classes to remote learning until after Thanksgiving break. The rest of the district will continue learning through our hybrid model.

The health and safety of the Pleasant Valley community continues to be our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving Coronavirus outbreak.

As we continue to follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health, we want to remind everyone that we must be diligent in following all safety precautions to prevent further spread of the disease.

- All students and staff must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- A thorough electrostatic cleaning is completed each day in the classrooms and common areas
- Daily deep cleaning and disinfection of the entire facility, including all high touch surface areas is completed each day

Individuals who are identified as having prolonged close contact with a COVID-19 case will be required to be quarantined and will receive a separate notification from the Peoria County Health Department.

- "A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of the day."

As we receive more information from the Peoria County Health Department and other entities, we will implement those recommendations and guidelines. As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay home if they develop symptoms and contact their healthcare provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately. Parents/guardians are reminded to complete the self-certification every morning prior to sending their children to school.

Sincerely,

Tracy Forck

Superintendent