

Pearl River School District

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CORRECTION*****CORRECTION*****CORRECTION*****CORRECTION

Please see the corrections as noted in Red. The correct households (students) were initially notified, and only the notation regarding "A" and "B" days were flipped. The notation is now correct.

Dear Parent/Guardian of children in the following classes:

Algebra Foundations Lab - Period 1 A Day - Mr. Whaley

Study Hall - Period 1 B Day - Mr. Lonergan

Physical Education - Period 2 A Day - Mr. D'Agostino

Physical Education - Period 2 A Day - Mr. Kiely (for Mr. Peabody)

Earth Science Lab - Period 2 B Day - Ms. Lesnick

Earth Science-Period 3 - Ms. Lesnick

Spanish 2 - Period 4 - Ms. Schneider

English 9 - Period 5 - Ms. Esposito

Lunch Period 6

Algebra Foundations - Period 7- Mr. Whaley

Global Studies 9 - Period 8 - Mr. Rose

Skills Support 9 - Mr. Hawkins

Today we were notified that a student at Pearl River High School tested positive for COVID-19. Based upon our information and consultation with the Rockland County Department of Health (RCDOH), <u>your child was directly exposed to this positive case on October 22, 2020 and/or October 23, 2020, and is required to quarantine through November 6, 2020.</u>

Under the <u>Rockland County Department of Health regulations</u>, anyone directly exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 must guarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure.

- Please see the <u>directions published by the RCDOH for Quarantining</u>.
- Contact your health care provider for more guidance.
- If your child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 you must contact your health care provider and the school nurse at (845) 620-3819.
- Testing negative for COVID-19 does not excuse your child from the full 14 day guarantine period.

We are working cooperatively with the Rockland County Department of Health and NYS contact tracers to provide them with your contact information as required by law. They will contact you directly. If you see a call from the Department of Health, NYS Contact Tracing, or a 518 area code, please respond promptly. Please know that your identity and the information you share will remain confidential. Cooperation with Contact Tracers and adhering to quarantine directions are vital to minimizing the spread of this virus in our school community.

During this period of quarantine, your child will be able to participate in remote learning. Your PRHS child can log in to each of his/her classes as he/she normally does during remote instruction days if they are feeling well enough to do so.

If your child has not experienced any symptoms and has not tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive a letter from the Rockland County Department of Health releasing your child to return to school. **Please be sure to give to your email address to contact tracers so they can issue you a letter to return to school.**

Any questions related to potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or quarantining should be directed to the RCDOH at (845) 238-1956 or by emailing COVIDCallCenter@co.rockland.ny.us.

Please know that we understand the difficulty this may be causing your family. We will work through this together. Should your child be experiencing social or emotional difficulties as a result of this please call the school so we may arrange for your child's counselor, a school psychologist, or a social worker to speak to your child.

Feel free to contact me at murphym@pearlriver.org or (845) 620-3803 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy