

November 4, 2020

Dear Powell Middle School Staff and Families:

We are currently working with the Tri-County Health Department as they investigate and manage a positive COVID-19 staff case at Powell Middle School. Each instance is evaluated individually, and the best possible plan is developed in order to keep students and staff healthy as much as possible.

**In working with Tri-County Health Department, we are implementing the new guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment which created a much more targeted quarantine. All students and staff who were determined to be in close contact with the staff will be quarantined for 14 days.** This includes 2 staff members. **They have been notified by Tri-County Health that they need to quarantine and the steps they should take.**

No students were determined to be in close contact and therefore do not need to quarantine. There is no change to your student's schedule and they can continue to attend school as planned.

We ask that all Powell Middle School students and staff continue to monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms develop:

- Notify the school.
- Follow these isolation instructions.
- Have your child tested.
- Continue to keep your child home from school and avoid other activities around other people.
- Seek medical care and testing for COVID-19, calling your doctor before you arrive.

If you have further questions, please contact Tri-County Health Department, at 303-220-9200. You can also contact the LPS Director of Student Support Services, Melissa Cooper, 303-347-3472, or the school nurse consultant, Nicole Guider, 720-951-7495. Additional resources are available on the Tri-County Health Department website: <https://www.tchd.org/>.

It's important to remember that legally we cannot share the names of those who test positive; it's also important that we respect and maintain the privacy of our students, staff, and families. Rest assured that Tri-County Health and staff at Powell are following up with those who need to be informed. Keeping all of our students, staff, and families safe is our highest priority.

District Operations and Maintenance staff are following all Tri-County Health protocols to complete additional deep cleaning procedures. HVAC units will run overnight to ensure that outside air is circulating through the affected areas.

Please remind your children of the importance of wearing their mask correctly, remembering to wash their hands, and continuing to physically distance.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued partnership as we all work together to keep our students, staff, and families healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

*Steve Wolf*

Principal, Powell Middle School

*Melissa Cooper*

Director of Student Support Services, Littleton Public Schools