

Delaware Valley School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Delaware Valley School District was notified today of six confirmed cases of coronavirus COVID-19 as follows:

SES - 1 DVES - 1 DDMS - 1 DVHS - 3

None of these six individuals have been in school since December so no one needs to be quarantined except those from their own households. We continue to clean and disinfect the schools on a daily basis. All schools will remain open.

We also received clarification from the state on tracking case counts. The state's language says "the case count for a school building would include any individual (student or staff) with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 **who was physically present** in the school setting while infectious, including but not limited to instruction, work, sports or extracurricular activities."

Of all the cases reported to us this week, only one case involved someone who was physically here this week. Therefore, that means when tracking the 14-day counts per building, *Shohola Elementary is at one case and all the other schools are at zero.* I apologize for the confusion previously but this is certainly good news. It also makes sense in that if the goal is to control the spread then only those who are physically present while infectious should be counted toward a possible short-term closure.

I can't say thank you enough for the efforts of our staff, students and parents/guardians. While we hear stories of people trying to skirt the system, 99% of you are doing a wonderful job trying to keep our kids safe and our schools open.

Sincerely,

John J. Bell

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Superintendent