



# Alfred-Almond Central School District

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Good Afternoon,

This letter is to inform you the school building will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 18 through Friday, November 20 due to COVID-19 exposure. During this time we will deep-clean the building and continue to contact trace. This decision was not made hastily as we have worked to manage the positive case within the school as well as several additional exposures in the elementary and secondary portions of our building. At this time, it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our students and staff to address the spread through a building closure.

It is important to understand that a school-wide building closure occurs when the exposure is too massive to allow us to staff classrooms and/or the number of students is vast and/or widely spread throughout both buildings. As always, this decision was not made in isolation but in collaboration with the Department of Health, School Medical Director, School Nurse, and A-A Leadership Team.

It is also important to know the Department of Health requires contacts to a positive case to be quarantined and to limit additional exposure and avoid long-term closures, the District follows a consistent practice of quarantining a contact of a contact to a positive COVID-19 case until test results are available. At this time we have one (1) positive case and are awaiting ten (10) test results associated with four (4) different situations. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming amount of testing being done in our area, test results are being delayed on an average of five (5) to six (6) days.

Please note closing our building is not the same as closing our school. Teachers continue to deliver instruction remotely every day and students are expected to remotely attend their regularly scheduled classes. As a friendly reminder, when students are remote, they are required to attend their regularly scheduled classes as this is still a regular school day.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the decisions and responsible actions of our faculty, staff, students, and families and recognize the sacrifices individuals make each day to help navigate the challenges we all face during this extraordinary time.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we do our best to keep our students and our community safe.

Sincerely,

Tracie Bliven, Superintendent