

December 1, 2021

Dear NEHS students and staff members,

Due to multiple positive cases of COVID-19 in the 11th grade, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) has determined that 11th grade classrooms will temporarily close from December 2 to December 6 to allow for contact tracing. Impacted students will return to in-person learning on Monday, December 6.

If your child shared a classroom with any student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted directly by the PDPH and/or the School District with important information, including the need for your child to quarantine.

If your child did not share a classroom with a student or staff member who tested positive for COVID-19, that means your child does not need to quarantine.

As an extra precaution, we encourage you to monitor your child closely for the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed in the chart below.

Symptoms Associated with COVID-19 Illness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fever of 100.4 F or greater○ Chills○ Cough○ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing○ Fatigue○ Muscle or body aches○ Headache○ New loss of taste or smell○ Sore throat○ Congestion or runny nose○ Nausea or vomiting○ Diarrhea

If your child experiences any symptoms in the left box or two or more symptoms in the right box, your child should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites. Should you have questions or immediate concerns, please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 215-685-5488.

Please know that the entire school will be deep cleaned and disinfected before it is reopened for students and staff. We look forward to reopening our school doors to 11th grade students on December 6.

Sincerely,

Omar Crowder
Principal