

April 6, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We were just made aware that an individual at Harding has tested positive for COVID-19. We conducted an internal investigation and consulted the medical experts at WellSpan GSH Hospital. As per CDC guidelines, parents of students who would be considered a close contact were told to quarantine for ten days. Your child was identified as a close contact and will be required to quarantine. They will be learning virtually during that time and more information will be forthcoming.

Your child's instruction will be provided remotely, using digital platforms through Friday, April 9th. On Monday, April 12th, your child will return to Harding for in-person instruction.

The PA Department of Health (DOH) and PA Department of Education (PDE) guidelines for building closure recommend that a school with 4 to 6 positive cases closes for a period of 2 to 3 days. Since this is an isolated, individual case, at this time, we **will not be closing Harding Elementary School.**

Here at Lebanon School District, we will continue to do everything possible to keep our students, faculty and staff as safe as possible. We cannot monitor or control the actions outside of our buildings. We need your help as parents, students, community members, friends and colleagues, to make sure we are doing everything in our power outside-of-school to stay safe, so we can enjoy all that in-person school provides.

Sincerely,

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