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District Closes Facility after Two Employees Test Positive for COVID-19 Grab and Go and Technology Resource Center Located at Pittsburgh Obama Closed Monday, November 2

PITTSBURGH November 1, 2020 – The Pittsburgh Obama facility will be closed tomorrow, Monday, November 2, after a second staff member tests positive for COVID-19. Staff at the school were notified Thursday that a colleague tested positive, requiring areas of the facility to be deep-cleaned Friday. Today, the District received notification that a second staff member has also tested positive for the coronavirus. The staff member was last in the facility on Thursday. While both staff members wore the required personal protective equipment and maintained social distancing protocols, the facility will not open tomorrow as the District seeks further guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department.

Grab and Go meal distribution and the Technology Resource Center located at the facility will both close tomorrow. Families may access the Grab and Go site located at Pittsburgh Sunnyside. The Technology Resource Centers located at Pittsburgh CAPA, Carrick and Langley will be open tomorrow.

The communication below was sent to Pittsburgh Obama and Peabody Early Childhood Center staff related to the closure.

Today we were notified that an additional Obama colleague has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last in the building on Thursday, October 29. The employee was wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment and followed social distancing protocols. Anyone that has been identified as in close contact with the employee will be personally contacted by Human Resources with recommended next steps. Close contacts are individuals who have been within 6 feet for longer than 15 cumulative minutes within a 24-hour period.

Per the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines, the building will be cleaned and closed tomorrow, Monday, November 2. The closure impacts the ability of families and students to visit the Grab and Go, as well as the Tech Resource Center.

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Families can visit the Grab and Go located at Pittsburgh Sunnyside (4801 Stanton Avenue, 15201) from 7:00am - 9:00am and 10:00am - 1:00pm. Families needing Tech support can visit the Technology Resource Centers located at CAPA, Carrick or Langley by making an appointment online at <https://www.pghschools.org/techsupportappt>.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or a member of your family experience any of the symptoms above, we encourage to please follow-up with your primary care physician. To learn more about COVID-19 and the recommended steps if you or someone you know has had potential exposure, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV. You can also contact the Allegheny County Health Department at 412-687-2243 or the PA Department of Health at 1-877-724-3258.

It is important that all staff following all social distancing protocols and stay at least 6 feet apart from other colleagues. Please wear a mask at all times when in the building and do not travel throughout the building or congregate with others. If you are exhibiting a fever of 100.4 or higher, cough or shortness of breath or have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not come into the building and contact your primary care physician.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly. Please know that I cannot share any personnel information with you. Anyone identified as in close contact will be contacted by Human Resources.

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