



Jefferson Avenue Elementary



Dear Jefferson Parents,

Shadyside Local School District is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. We want to inform you that that we have recently received information that someone from your child's grade level tested positive for COVID-19. We are working closely with the Belmont County Health Department and anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by the health department as a part of COVID-19 investigation. We ask you to take these steps to continue to be aware of your child's health:

1. As a precaution, consider postponing plans for play dates, family visits, and extracurricular and social activities for the next 14 days.
2. Continue to check your child for COVID-19 symptoms daily: fever or chills, new uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache, especially with fever.
 - If anyone in your household develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they should immediately isolate and call Belmont County Health Dept. at 740-695-1202. Also contact your medical providers.
 - If NO symptoms develop and you have not been instructed otherwise to quarantine for a different exposure, your child may continue to attend school.

If you have any questions, contact Jefferson at 740-676-9669 or the Belmont County Health Department at 740-695-1202. Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). Resources from the CDC include:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/Daily-Home-Screening-for-Students-Checklist-ACTIVE-rev5A.pdf>

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

Sincerely,

Ms. Caldwell
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