



## Minersville Area School District

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Carl G. McBreen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
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December 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our current situation within the school system has become dire. As of right now, there are fifty (50) individuals quarantined. Of those numbers, thirty-four (34) are household contacts, meaning that a member of the household has tested positive. These individuals are considered "presumed positive" cases due to the nature of household exposure, thus requiring an extended quarantine time.

There are currently an additional seven (7) staff members who are symptomatic and awaiting test results. In-person instruction at this time appears to present great health risks to our school population and local community at large. In an effort to continue all mitigation efforts, the district will pivot to virtual instruction commencing on Wednesday, December 16 and continuing until the holiday break.

In addition, our local, state, and national weather forecasts have predicted a severe snowstorm. This storm may present treacherous conditions with power outages and internet connectivity issues. In the event the storm does arrive as predicted, Thursday, December 17, 2020 will be deemed a snow-day. A decision for Friday, December 18, 2020 will depend on the conditions from the storm. I will use the call system to communicate that with all of you. Please be reminded that lunches will be available Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the High School loading dock to cover the remainder of this week.

We hope and plan to return to our current hybrid schedule at the Jr/Sr High School and 4-day instruction at the Elementary and Llewellyn buildings, on January 4, 2021. In the interim, we implore everyone to please see the seriousness of our situation and follow the guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. I would ask that you please contact Mrs. Kelly Valentine via email, [kvalentine@battlinminers.com](mailto:kvalentine@battlinminers.com), if you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 from now through the holiday season.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate through these trying times. I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Carl G. McBreen, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
MINERSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT