



### Community Talking Points

Sept. 14, 2020

- K-12 school districts are required to notify parents/guardians whose children may be impacted by someone who has confirmed or probable COVID-19 illness and participated in class, sports or activities.
  - Within 24 hours, schools will provide written notification to:
    - Parents/guardians of a student who shared a classroom or participated in a school activity.
    - Parents/guardians of students at the school building.
  - Schools will also report cases to the Health Department within 24 hours.
  - School district information will be released to the public once per week.
    - Updates from Wood County Health Department will be posted on Wednesdays at [Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org](https://www.woodcountyhealth.org) and on social media.
    - The Ohio Department of Health will release similar information on Thursdays at [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)
  
- We know people will have questions as school districts release COVID-19 case information this week.
  - For several reasons, there won't be a direct correlation between K-12 statistics and the daily numbers that Wood County Health Department reports.
  - Cases reported by school districts focus on the physical impact to the school. If a student attends classes in two school systems, both school systems are impacted, so both would report the case. In this example, one student would be counted twice for the school reporting, but they would only be counted as one positive case in the Health Department's regular COVID-19 case update.
  - It's also possible that employees who do not live in Wood County could be counted in one or more school district updates, but not as a Wood County COVID-19 case.
  - Overall case numbers will still be reported based in the county where a person lives.
  
- Wood County Health Department continues to engage with many public and private schools in our county.
  - We are committed to continuing to work closely with schools to help them navigate this process. We will provide guidance, help them report information, and answer questions they may have.