These are the steps that Pottstown School District will take when we are notified of a COVID-19 Positive student/staff member.

Contract tracing will begin as soon as Pottstown School District learns that a student/staff member tested positive for COVID-19 or a student/staff member is symptomatic after a close contact to a confirmed case and student/staff member was at school/work while infectious. The District will work closely with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU).

Steps that will be taken:

1. Determine the student/staff member’s date of positive COVID-19 test (date when specimen collected and date when test results were provided) and/or date when symptoms first began. Request a copy of the test results.
2. Determine if the student/staff member had close contact with anyone. Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH) defines “close contact” as “contact within 6 feet, with or without mask, for 15 continuous minutes or more” or “a household contact.”
3. The infectious period for COVID-19 starts 48 hours before someone’s symptoms appear. The infectious period for staff and students who test positive, but do not have symptoms, starts 48 hours before they were tested.

 3. Compile names and contact information of all close contacts.

 4. Nurses will do the initial contact of all close contacts (parents/staff) identified and will provide notification to all parents in the impacted building when positive cases are confirmed.

* As a reminder, we are required to respect protected health information (such as a COVID-19 test result) and follow all applicable laws and policies for releasing student/staff health information. We are prohibited from confirming or revealing the student/staff’s identity to parents/staff. We are only permitted to use generic descriptors, such as “someone at this location.”