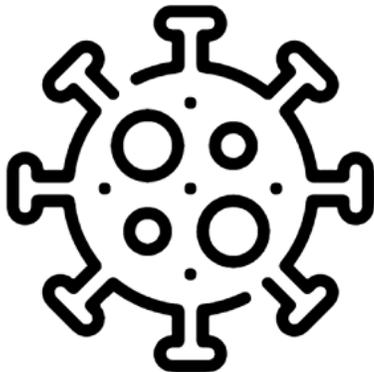


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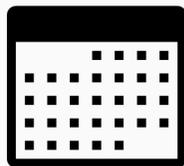


COVID-19 Cases

Since my email to the community on Sunday morning, we have received information about twelve positive cases, but based upon the timing of the onset of symptoms and the dates these individuals were last in school, only three required contract tracing. Close contacts were identified in two of those cases, one at Murphy and one at Tyl.

As expected, we are seeing an increase in cases since the holidays. We are watching cases numbers very carefully and tracking all reports of possible symptoms, close contacts, and pending test results. Cases which have come to our attention between 1/10 and 1/12 are listed below.

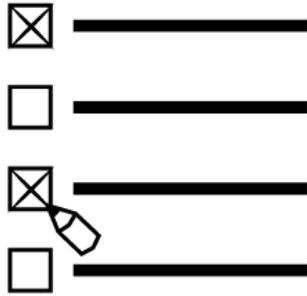
School	Last date person was in building	# Close Contacts
Oakdale	1/8/21	0
Murphy	1/8/21	16
Mohegan	1/5/21	0
Tyl	1/5/21	14
MHS	1/5/21	0
Tyl	1/4/21	0
MHS	1/4/21	0
Mohegan	1/4/21	0
MHS	12/22/21	0
MHS	12/22/20	0
Tyl	12/22/20	0
MHS	12/11/2020	0



Change to our School Calendar

January 28 and January 29 will be FULL days of school for cohort 2 students.

Due to the current shift to remote learning and our desire to maximize in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible, we have decided not to hold half days for teacher professional development on these two days. We will dismiss students from school at the normal full-day times.



Round II Surveys of Parents, Faculty, and Students

Please help us to improve our programs by providing feedback.

Our last round of surveys resulted in a number of adjustments to our programs and practices. In efforts to foster continued growth, please complete a second survey by clicking the link for your school below.

Family surveys will close on January 20th.

[Montville High School Family Survey](#)

[Tyl Family Survey](#)

[Mohegan Family Survey, Hybrid Students](#)

[Murphy Family Survey, Hybrid Students](#)

[Oakdale Family Survey, Hybrid Students](#)

[Mohegan Family Survey, Fully Remote Students](#)

[Murphy Family Survey, Fully Remote Students](#)

[Oakdale Family Survey, Fully Remote Students](#)



School Closure and Meal Distribution

Our cafeteria workers continue to prepare and distribute breakfasts and lunches during our temporary transition to fully remote learning.

Meals are free and you can pick up meals for multiples days at a time. Meal distribution is available at Montville High School, Oakdale Elementary School, and Mohegan Elementary School. Times can be found on the [district website](#).

We encourage you to take advantage of this federal meal program!



Reporting Illness, Close Contacts, and Test Results

It is extremely important that you call your school office or email your school nurse or principal to report illnesses, possible close contacts, and COVID-19 test results even when students are working remotely.

We need to work as a team to keep our community safe. The more information we have from you about potential exposures, the better decisions we can make in our contact tracing.



Medical Information and Privacy

We are working extremely hard to keep student and staff medical information private. Teachers and administrators cannot disclose identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases, and we purposely report results in a way that avoids possible identification of individuals.

The only people who have access to the identity of individuals with positive test results are those who must know in order to conduct accurate contact tracing.