

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families,

I am writing you this letter to inform you of the most recent COVID-19 situation at Angola High School. This past Friday, August 21st, our football team played a game against DeKalb High School. We were notified last night that a football player from DeKalb High School tested positive for COVID-19. Through contact tracing, it has been determined that most of our football players were in direct contact with the affected player at the game.

Out of an abundance of caution, our varsity football team consisting of 47 athletes who played in the game last Friday will be quarantined at home for 14 days. Parents of these students have been asked to closely monitor their children for symptoms. The students will be receiving virtual instruction so they can keep up on their studies.

As I have mentioned in my previous letters, direct contact is defined as being within six feet of a person with a confirmed case for more than fifteen minutes. We will continue to follow the Steuben County Health Department's recommendations on contact tracing and quarantine procedures. Face masks and social distancing continues to play a major role in our ability to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

The cooperation that we have received from our students and parents has been outstanding. My goal is to keep our schools open for in-person instruction as long as it continues to be safe to do so. Our quarantine procedures have proven to be effective in quickly isolating potential cases and protecting our community. Please be prepared to make the transition to virtual learning for your children if our quarantine numbers continue to increase. We may have to implement eLearning for a period of time at an individual school building or the entire school district if confirmed cases continue to rise.

I cannot stress enough to our students and parents the importance of staying home when they are sick or suspect that they may have symptoms of COVID-19. The only way we can control the spread of COVID-19 is to keep it out of our schools. Once again, the safety of all our students and staff members remains our top priority.

Thank you again for your support through these trying times.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent