



## WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SHORT-TERM CLOSURE COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES 2020-2021

The Wilson School District will be following the newly updated guidance from the PA Department of Education and the PA Department of Health regarding school closures as a result of positive cases of COVID-19. These metrics factor in the size of the building and population to determine when a temporary shift to remote learning is necessary. To follow is how this will impact our school buildings:

- Wilson Elementary and Wilson Middle Schools (medium size building with 500-900 students enrolled both in-person and virtual): 4-6 confirmed COVID-19 cases within a rolling 14 day window at an individual school results in a 3-7 day closure.
- Wilson High School (large-size building with 900+ students enrolled both in-person and virtual): 6-10 confirmed COVID-19 cases within a rolling 14 day window at an individual school results in a 3-7 days closure.

*This new information from the PA Department of Health does include a provision that the closure period can be lessened if we are able to complete our contact tracing and deep cleaning procedures within a shorter period of time. Our experience has been that we are able to complete this process in less than 48 hours, so depending on the circumstances surrounding the positive cases, we could lessen the closure from the 3-7 days.*

Because of this new guidance, we may need to shift to a virtual environment for our students at a particular building in a short time frame and need our families to be prepared for this possibility. Cases are tracked by school building on our District COVID-19 dashboard. You can view this dashboard and an overview of how cases are tracked [here](#). In the event that we need to move a building to a short term closure, we will communicate this information in the following manner:

### **PHONE (outgoing call)**

A phone message will go out to all families and staff members from the Superintendent and will specify the details of the short-term closure.

**\*\*Please Note\*\*** Short-term closure calls are defaulted to go to primary and cell phone numbers in the Family Access system. Parents have the ability to change phone numbers and to opt in or out of school closing phone calls. Please visit [Skyward](#) to make any necessary changes.

### **EMAIL**

An email from the District will be sent to all impacted families with specifics regarding the short-term closure

**WEBSITE** ([www.WilsonSD.org](http://www.WilsonSD.org)) A school status message will be posted on the main district homepage and the individual school homepage.