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Crown Point Central School Announces First COVID-19 Case

Linda Beers, Director of Public Health at the Essex County Health Department (ECHD) notified the Crown Point Central School (CPCS) of a positive COVID-19 case in a student late Thursday afternoon. Shari Brannock, Superintendent of CPCS immediately communicated this information to the school community upon learning of the case.

Per the school's reopening plan, when a positive case of COVID-19 is identified, the school will transition to remote learning for a minimum of 24 hours in order to perform deep cleaning and assist the health department with contact tracing activities. "Given the scope of these types of events in the school setting, we will remain on a remote learning plan through at least Tuesday, October 13, 2020, with a tentative plan to have students and staff return on Wednesday, October 14, 2020," stated Brannock. "As we evaluate the level of exposure, in consultation with the health department, we will reassess the feasibility of bringing people back into the building on that date".

"The school district is doing everything we would want them to do in order to keep the health and safety of students and staff at the forefront," Beers emphasized. "We are working with administration to quickly identify anyone at risk of exposure so that those individuals can be quarantined and monitored by our department", Beers continued. In addition to isolating the positive case and quarantining school contacts, ECHD is conducting a thorough case investigation to identify any other community exposures outside the school setting that may have occurred. "If you have been identified as a direct contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, you will receive a call from one of our health department staff members." Anyone with questions or concerns related to COVID-19 can call the Essex County Health Department at 518-873-3500 or visit our website www.co.essex.ny.us/Health or Facebook page www.facebook.com/EssexCountyPublicHealth.

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