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Ticonderoga Central School Pre-K Student Tests Positive for COVID-19

Ticonderoga Interim Superintendent, Cynthia Ford-Johnston, learned Wednesday morning of a COVID-19 positive case after being notified by a parent. Ford-Johnston immediately isolated the student to be released to home, contained other students in classroom and reached out to confirm the case with the Essex County Health Department.

The Essex County Health Department started the investigation immediately with the school to identify contacts there, and with the family to identify household and community based contacts.

The case is a Pre-K student who was present for in-person learning on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 3 and 4, 2020. "The student was very contained within the classroom during the time," said Ford-Johnston.

Because of how the Pre-K classroom was established in the building, and the safety practices the district has in place, the expected risk of exposure is low.

"The student had no symptoms and was only tested as related to travel plans," said Ford-Johnston. "The student did not ride a bus or have other opportunities to spread COVID in the building."

She continued, "Know the district has been working collaboratively with the Essex County Health Department to ensure the health and safety of the whole district right along. We have been planning for COVID-19 situations so we could take immediate actions as we did today."

The district is able to retain in-person student learning without interruption.

"The positive case is isolating at home and those identified as contacts are being reached by our Department," said Beers. Anyone determined to be a contact of the positive case will receive a call from the health department to discuss their risk and the measures necessary to reduce further infections.

Questions about COVID-19 can be directed to the Essex County Health Department at 518-873-3500. Additional information is available on the ECHD website www.co.essex.ny.us/Health or Facebook page www.facebook.com/EssexCountyPublicHealth.

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