

November 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In our efforts to keep all families up to date, we would like to inform you that today the Chemung County Health Department informed us of a positive COVID-19 case at Big Flats School. As you may know, the school is in what the state considers a green zone, so that school can continue inperson hybrid instruction. The students and staff members deemed by the health department to be direct contacts in the affected classroom went home and will quarantine until cleared to return next week. These students will continue on remote learning during this time. Classrooms at Big Flats are self-contained with little student movement. As a result, we are able to continue instruction in the other classrooms.

The classrooms, hallways, and related areas at Big Flats and all of our schools have been and continue to be sanitized and disinfected using the most effective state-approved products available to schools. We are following all cleaning protocols required by the state and doing all that we can to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

As we reported late last week, the remainder of our schools remain in the state-designated orange zone. We are following state guidelines for potential reopening, and we will keep parents informed of this information as soon as we have an update.

We also would like to remind everyone to please follow best practices and wear masks, practice safe distancing, wash hands well and often, and avoid unnecessary outings and contacts.

If you have questions about COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 607-737-2028. If you have questions about the health of your child, please contact your health provider. If you have questions about your child's education, please contact your school's Main Office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools