

11-9-20 SCHOOL MESSENGER

Good afternoon.

Superintendent Eddie Campbell here,
with a brief message about our schools' current COVID-19 status.

As you're probably aware, we've recently experienced an increased number of COVID-19 outbreaks in our schools.

We interpret this troubling trend as reflecting COVID's spiking community spread throughout Monongalia County, West Virginia and the country as a whole.

Fortunately, Mon County Schools' COVID protocols – in place since the pandemic began last March – are helping to minimize the virus' impact on our students and staff.

These protocols are based on directives from the Centers for Disease Control and the Mon County Health Department.

They define how we quickly identify COVID exposure or incidence through contact tracing.

They set the quarantine criteria for staff or students who may have been exposed or who have been confirmed for COVID.

And they direct both our preventive and reactive disinfection efforts to help keep COVID out of our schools.

So far, our precautionary actions have been relatively successful.

Despite isolated COVID incidences in our schools, our students and staff have experienced no school-based, re-infection scenarios to-date.

As the pandemic continues, keep following the health practices that have helped minimize the virus' impact in our schools.

Please continue to self-monitor your health every day.

And, above all, wash your hands frequently, mask-up and socially distance.

Stay well, and thanks for listening.