



# Westhill

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Dear Westhill Parents and Guardians:

The Westhill Central School District was informed today, October 21, 2020, by the Onondaga County Health Department, that a student in the Westhill high school has tested positive for COVID-19. The Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act (HIPPA) and other privacy laws restrict the District from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information and we cannot identify anyone who has tested positive. The student was last in attendance on October 9, 2020.

We have worked closely with the Onondaga County Health Department to identify this individual's contacts at the school. The Onondaga County Health Department will reach out to all contacts and advise on the need to quarantine and arrange testing for those exposed. If you do not hear from the school district or County Health Department, your child is not impacted.

The district has determined that the best course of action is to have all high school instruction be remote through Friday, October 23, 2020 and resume in-person instruction on Monday, October 26, 2020. All other buildings will operate on their regular schedule. High school co-curricular and extra-curricular activities may resume on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

The district's highest priority is the health, welfare and safety of our students and staff. Thank you for all that you are doing to contribute to our success. Let's all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can remain open.

Sincerely,

Casey W. Barduhn  
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