

JEFFREY A. FULLER, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

LYNN PATSIGA  
School Board Secretary



724-775-7644  
724-775-5464  
FAX: 724-775-7434

1702 SCHOOL STREET  
FREEDOM, PENNSYLVANIA 15042

## **PDE/DOH recommendations for School Closure due to positive or probable COVID cases**

Full guidance can be found at:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/SchoolClosureRecommendations.aspx> Updated  
January 28, 2021

### **Closure of school building when Beaver County is in Substantial Rate of Transmission**

- All Freedom Area School District buildings are considered “Small” buildings (<500 students)
  - PDE: Building size is based on the number of students who would be attending school in the building if not for the pandemic.
- Cases are calculated on a rolling 14-day period.
  - PDE: The rolling 14-day period begins with the date of the first positive case, which is either the date the individual was first symptomatic (if known) or the date the individual was tested.
  - PDE: The case count for a school building would include any individual (students or staff) with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 *who was physically present* in the school setting while infectious, including but not limited to, instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities.
- Consultation with DOH may be necessary
- Any shortening of times listed below will be determined in consultation with DOH
- When a building is closed due to COVID, no students will be allowed in the building including athletics and students with an IEP
  - PDE: When building closure is required, the school must suspend all in-person instruction in that building.

#### **All Freedom Area School District Buildings (Small schools- under 500 students)**

1 student or staff member tests positive or is a probable COVID case

- clean area where case spent time
- consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site
- possibly close building for cleaning/contact tracing
- Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine

2-4 students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case

- clean area where case spent time
- close building for cleaning and contact tracing for 3-7 days
- Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine

5+ students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case

- clean building
- close building for cleaning for 14 days
- Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine



JEFFREY A. FULLER, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

LYNN PATSIGA  
School Board Secretary

724-775-7644  
724-775-5464  
FAX: 724-775-7434

1702 SCHOOL STREET  
FREEDOM, PENNSYLVANIA 15042

## **PDE/DOH recommendations for School Closure due to positive or probable COVID cases**

Full guidance can be found at:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/SchoolClosureRecommendations.aspx> Updated  
January 28, 2021

### **Closure of school building when Beaver County is in Low or Moderate Rate of Transmission**

- All Freedom Area School District buildings are considered “Small” buildings (<500 students)
  - PDE: Building size is based on the number of students who would be attending school in the building if not for the pandemic.
- Cases are calculated on a rolling 14-day period.
  - PDE: The rolling 14-day period begins with the date of the first positive case, which is either the date the individual was first symptomatic (if known) or the date the individual was tested.
  - PDE: The case count for a school building would include any individual (students or staff) with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 *who was physically present* in the school setting while infectious, including but not limited to, instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities.
- Consultation with DOH may be necessary
- Any shortening of times listed below will be determined in consultation with DOH
- When a building is closed due to COVID, no students will be allowed in the building including athletics and students with an IEP
  - PDE: When building closure is required, the school must suspend all in-person instruction in that building.

### **All Freedom Area School District Buildings (Small schools- under 500 students)**

- 1 student or staff member tests positive or is a probable COVID case
  - Clean areas where case spent time
  - Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
  - School does not need to close
- 2-4 students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
  - clean areas where case spent time
  - close building for cleaning and contact tracing for 3-7 days
  - Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
- 5+ students and/or staff members test positive or is a probable COVID case
  - clean building
  - close building for cleaning for 14 days
  - Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine