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RE: Notification of “Close Contact” with COVID-19 Positive Individual

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The District has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our students and staff. We have become aware that your student came in “close contact” with an individual that has been diagnosed with COVID-19. For COVID-19, the CDC defines a “[close contact](#)” as “any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.” The last time the COVID-19 positive individual was in the school setting while they were contagious is [redacted] (date). Please understand that we cannot disclose the name of the person diagnosed with COVID-19. As your student was in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, your student must quarantine at home for 14 days and cannot attend school until after that time. During this time, your student will receive his/her learning via the District’s fully remote learning program.

Considering the positive diagnosis of COVID-19, all areas of the building and/or classroom potentially impacted are being cleaned and disinfected in accordance with recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

In light of the positive COVID-19 case, we ask that you do the following:

- Monitor your student for symptoms and do temperature checks at least twice daily for 14 days after the last exposure to the infected person while they were contagious.
- Consult with your student’s physician or health care provider for evaluation and about the need for testing if your student develops symptoms.
- Quarantine your student at home for 14 days after the last exposure.

To assist you in this, please be aware that the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a fever, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle aches, new onset of a severe headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea and/or vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms usually develop between 2 to 14 days after last exposure. However, some infected persons never develop symptoms. For additional information please see: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Since your student was within “close contact” of the individual who tested positive for COVID-19, we anticipate that we will receive a request from the Kankakee County Health Department for identifying information about your student. Federal and State law authorize disclosure of personally identifiable student information in connection with a health and safety emergency to appropriate persons if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons. In the event of such a request by the health department for information about whom the person diagnosed with COVID-19 had “close contact,” the school district will provide your student’s name, your name, and a telephone number at which you can be reached.

As a reminder, always keep your student at home if they are ill for any reason. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures as we work together to keep our students, staff and families safe and healthy.