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Brook Castillo, Principal
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February 18, 2021

Dear McIlvaine Family,

Today, McIlvaine administration was notified that an individual last present February 16, 2021 tested positive for COVID-19.

Through our contact tracing protocol, we have identified and notified all families whose students may have had close contact with the individual who tested positive or who may have been exposed, as well as all staff members who may have been exposed. If you did not receive such a notification, it means we do not believe your child has been potentially exposed.

The individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been excluded and asked to self-isolate.


We always encourage you to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or staff member is sick with any of the following symptoms, stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies. Our school nurse is available to support your family by reviewing symptoms to watch for, answering questions you may have, assisting with follow up communications, and providing further information on available testing sites. COVID-19 testing is free and available in our local community.

DPH encourages all Delawareans – whether you are experiencing symptoms or not – to consider getting a free test. That will help our state more accurately track the spread of the disease and keep our communities healthy.

Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/> for the latest updates on COVID-19 in Delaware.

The health, safety, and well-being of our district community remain our top priority. We are following sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect your health. We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of wearing masks, using appropriate safety protocols to mitigate risks, and regularly washing your hands.

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates if any further steps are necessary. If you have questions or need to report a positive case of COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Rebecca Gravatt at 302-335-5039 or at rebecca.gravatt@cr.k12.de.us or the district's COVID-19 Coordinator, Dr. Toles Torain at 302-698-4830 or at tamara.tolestorain@cr.k12.de.us. For your convenience and peace of mind, COVID-19 testing is available. Please visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>.

Sincerely,

Principal

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