



# Major George S. Welch Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We learned today that two individuals at Welch Elementary School have tested positive for COVID-19. These people will not return to school until the isolation period has passed and they have been cleared to return by the Division of Public Health (DPH). We are assisting DPH with contact tracing efforts and anyone who has been in close contact with either of them as determined by DPH will be notified by our DPH partners. Individual decisions on quarantining are made by DPH epidemiologists.

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.

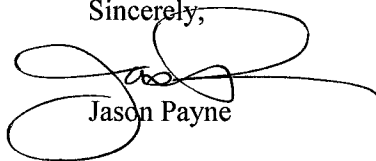
DPH encourages all Delawareans – whether you are experiencing symptoms or not – to consider getting a free test. That will help our state more accurately track the spread of the disease and keep our communities healthy.

Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/> for information on free COVID-19 testing in Delaware.

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

This school adheres to strict cleaning, social distancing, and hygiene protocols. This is our best defense against COVID-19 and its spread. This is a decision that is made with the most up-to-date health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DPH.

Sincerely,



Jason Payne

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