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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Today we were notified of one COVID-19 individual at Mason Senior High School. Staff have been contact tracing and students or staff considered close contacts have been notified and will be quarantining.

As was stated in earlier communication, our plan for quarantining and protocols are based on our current data and information from our local and state health departments. We are looking at each case and close contact determination based on several factors including, distance of students, location of students, mask wearing for **both** close contacts and positive individuals, and vaccination status. Building level administrators have been notifying families if their child has been identified as a close contact and next steps.

Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any type of illness. It is the time of year where many students and staff suffer from sinus infections, allergies, and other cold like symptoms, yet many of these symptoms are similar to those of COVID-19. To keep our students and staff safe, we need everyone to adhere to this request. Students experiencing these symptoms at school will be sent home.

As a reminder, the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

**The symptoms of COVID-19** are similar in children and adults.

The principal symptoms of COVID-19 now include any of the following NOT explained by a known medical or physical condition: • Fever (100.4 +) • an uncontrolled cough • shortness of breath

OR At least two of the following NOT explained by a known medical or physical condition: • Loss of taste or smell • myalgia (muscle pain) • sore throat • severe headache • diarrhea • vomiting • abdominal pain

No further action is required, yet we encourage you to continue to monitor and evaluate your child's health daily by using the student screening found on the COVID-19 page of the District/School Website. Additionally, up to date resources can be found on the Monroe County Health Department page at [www.co.monroe.mi.us](http://www.co.monroe.mi.us)  
Further questions regarding COVID-19 can be answered by contacting the Monroe County Health Department at (734) 240-7860.

Additionally, please be reminded that resources and information regarding COVID-19 and Mason Consolidated Schools confirmed and probable cases can be found by visiting the District website COVID-19 page.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, Mason Consolidated Schools