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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Today, November 16, 2020 we were notified of two positive COVID-19 individuals at Mason Middle School and one probable individual at Mason High School.

We have been in contact with the head of disease control for the Monroe County Health Department and are following the guidance outlined regarding notification, quarantine, and response to a positive case. **At their request, we have provided names and contact information of all contacts who were less than 6 feet away from the positive individual for more than 15 minutes. All known close contacts on our school campus have been contacted and required to quarantine for 14 days.** We will continue to work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps.

IMPORTANT: Please remember to contact your child's principal by phone or email if your child receives a positive COVID-19 test or is required to quarantine at any time including when our buildings are closed. This will assist administration in determining the most appropriate plans for delivering instruction.

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

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

- Check your temp each morning. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
- Wash hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes must contain at least 60% alcohol. Dispose of wipes in the trash after use.
- Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).
- Follow guidance for wearing a face covering and social distancing.



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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

Questions regarding COVID-19 can be answered by contacting the Monroe County Health Department at (734)240-7860.

Please know that when a case is identified, we conduct additional cleaning and disinfecting in areas throughout the school and transportation if applicable. We will continue to have students and staff wear facial coverings while in buildings and social distancing wherever possible, along with continued cleaning and disinfecting of light switches, doorknobs/push bars, locker handles, toys, bathrooms, copy machines, busses, desks, etc. in addition to our regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule.

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

Thank you for your commitment to keeping all students and staff safe by following all screening protocols, remaining home when sick and supporting students in both in-person and remote environments. It is critical that our partnership continues to strengthen as we battle this virus together.

Respectfully,

Kelli A. Tuller

Superintendent, Mason Consolidated Schools