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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Mason Consolidated Schools' commitment to student health and safety is strengthened every day by the partnership with our families and staff. To continue our efforts, we believe that transparent communication must be a priority in our overall commitment to our families. Therefore, I am writing to inform you that our first in-person COVID-19 case has been identified Monday evening at Mason High School.

Per our outlined plan, we are required to contact the Monroe County Health Department upon notification of any positive case. 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 close contacts on or off our school campus have been contacted and required to quarantine for 14 days. Per collaboration with the Monroe County Health Department, after contact tracing, no exposures occurred on our campus.** We will continue to work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps.

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 Further 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, on October 5, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued Emergency Order under MCL333.2253 requiring facial coverings for all K-12 students and staff while on campus. This order is effective immediately.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, Mason Consolidated Schools