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November 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Yesterday, November 7, 2020 we were notified of a positive COVID-19 individual at Central Elementary School.

Per our outlined plan, we are required to communicate with 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 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.

As we see the cases in our communities and state rise, we feel it is imperative that we all continue to do our part to mitigate the spread of this virus. Please stay home if you are sick and monitor yourself or your child daily. Our families, students and staff have worked tremendously hard to keep everyone safe and healthy and we cannot get complacent. We hear the phrase "COVID fatigue" to describe how people are feeling about dealing with the restrictions and routines to fight this virus, but we cannot let ourselves become fatigued in our battle against it. PLEASE remind yourself, your children, and others to continue the necessary steps to keep our schools open and our children.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include:

Fever (>100.4 degrees F), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, 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 and probable 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