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Notification Letter of Case in the School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that an individual in _____ has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Anyone identified as a close contact of the positive individual(s) will receive a separate letter detailing their next steps. will remain open based upon the quarantine of all known close contacts and appropriate building cleaning/disinfection being completed.

While your child was not specifically identified as a close contact of the positive individual, we encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child. Those symptoms could include any of the following:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever of 100.4°F or higher or a sense of having a fever
- Sore throat
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Congestion/runny nose
- Unusual fatigue
- Headache

While many of these symptoms can be seen with other conditions such as allergies, we ask that you seek medical evaluation if you identify any of these symptoms. Loss of taste or smell is very specific to COVID-19 and may be described as food tasting bland, rather than not being able to taste. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please notify your child’s school, contact your child’s doctor for evaluation/testing, and keep your child home from school.

You can always talk with your pediatrician about getting your child tested based on your child’s potential exposure; however, unless you were notified that your child was a close contact or in the same classroom as the case in a separate letter, your child’s exposure risk for COVID-19 at their school is low and we do not recommend testing.

Having a case of COVID-19 identified in your child’s school does not require any restrictions with other household members unless your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 test.

Based on this information, you may choose to keep your child home out of an abundance of caution. If you choose to do so, please contact the school so that they can help manage the transition to online instruction for your child.

If you have further questions concerning COVID-19 you can consult your healthcare provider, contact the state Call Center 1.800.525.0127 and press #, or our office at 509.684.2262. More information can be found on our website at www.netchd.org or at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>.

Sincerely,


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