



## MANTENO COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT No. 5

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### RE: Notification of a COVID-19 Positive Case in Classroom

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The District has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our students and staff. We have become aware that an individual in your student's class has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The last date the COVID-19 positive individual was in a school setting while they were contagious is \_\_\_(date)\_\_. Some students may be at higher risk due to "close contact" with the person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. For COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Public Health defines a "close contact" as follows:

A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day. The period of close contact begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or 2 calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person). If the case was symptomatic (e.g. coughing, sneezing), persons with briefer periods of exposure may also be considered contacts.

The parents/guardians of students who were in "close contact" with the person diagnosed with COVID-19 will receive a separate notification instructing them to have their student quarantined and not return to school for 14 days after the last exposure. Please understand that we cannot disclose the name of the person diagnosed with COVID-19.

Considering the positive diagnosis of COVID-19, all areas of the building and/or classroom potentially impacted are being cleaned and disinfected in accordance with recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

In light of the positive COVID-19 case, we ask you to do the following:

- Monitor your student for symptoms and do temperature checks at least twice daily for 14 days after the last exposure.
- Consult with your student's physician or health care provider for evaluation and about the need for testing if your student develops symptoms.

To assist you in this, please be aware that the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a fever, headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle aches, or body aches. Symptoms usually develop between 2 to 14 days after the last exposure. However, some infected persons never develop symptoms. For additional information, you may wish to review resources available from the CDC or IDPH at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCov/index.html> and <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>.

As a reminder, always keep your student at home if they are ill for any reason. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 health/safety policies and procedures we work together to keep our students, staff and families safe and healthy.