



MOUNT VERNON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mount Vernon Families and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to share that today we became aware of a student at Washington Elementary School who has recently tested positive for COVID-19. The District has again worked closely with local public health officials to assist with contact tracing related to this case. The student and the family are following guidelines put forth by Linn County Public Health. **If you have not been contacted, your child is not a close contact to the student who has tested positive.**

As has been shared earlier in earlier communications, when we become aware of a positive case involving a student or staff member, we immediately contact Linn County Public Health for guidance. Contact tracing is then completed; with the tracing going back forty eight hours from the time of symptoms being evident, or a positive test result reported.

You are receiving this communication because we remain committed to being transparent with you, and making you aware of the situation so you have an increased awareness and can respond accordingly. Upon the advice of local public health officials, we ask that parents/guardians continue to monitor their student's health; that employees continue to monitor their own health; and that every individual remain home if they exhibit any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and any other symptoms identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) set out at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

I continue to be grateful that our community is taking the COVID-19 pandemic seriously, including taking the necessary precautions when your children show possible signs of the COVID-19 virus. Thanks again for your assistance and support.

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