



MOUNT VERNON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 9, 2020

Mount Vernon Families and Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to share that a student at Washington Elementary, and a student at Mount Vernon High School have recently tested positive for COVID-19. **Contact tracing has been completed, and if you have not been contacted your child is not a close contact to the students who have tested positive.**

As I shared earlier, 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. For this latest cases, contact tracing was completed for the forty eight hours prior to the report of symptoms.

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>.

Thanks again for all you are doing during the pandemic, and have a great weekend.

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