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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) has identified a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in student/staff persons at Westwood Elementary. The MCHD and Warren Woods Public Schools worked closely to identify persons who may have been exposed. **All close contact individuals have been identified. Y*our child was not in close contact and should continue to attend school as normal.***

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). Illness begins 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed. We strongly encourage your child to wear a mask or become vaccinated to help prevent them from being considered a close contact.

The symptoms of COVID-19 can include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, and abdominal pain.

It is extremely important that everyone **monitors for symptoms and complete at-home screening each day** (Student Screener), including a temperature check, prior to coming to school/work. Please notify the school if your child is exhibiting any symptoms and keep them home until you can see your healthcare provider. If your child has been ***exposed to a COVID positive individual outside of school, you must notify the school and quarantine*** your child for 10 days following the exposure to the COVID positive person.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us here at school. I have also included a link to the COVID-19 Parent Toolkit which contains helpful information regarding frequently asked questions. Additionally, you can contact the Macomb County Health Department Communicable Disease Program at (586) 783-8190.

It is in situations like this that it is important to recognize the district safety protocols established by the District. Staff and students are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear masks and to practice social distancing as is feasible. Thank you to our staff and students for their daily efforts to maintain our health and safety protocols. We appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully,

Stacey Denewith-Fici
Superintendent

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