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Dear Families,

Today, we were informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Unity Elementary School. The infected person has not been in the building due to being in quarantine. Since the infected person has not been in our building during his/her infectious period, no contact tracing is needed.

We have provided the infected persons name to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for them to complete contact tracing outside of the school building, as any contact would have taken place outside of school hours.

Please know that in the Unity School District, we are still requiring all staff and students to wear masks, physically distance at least three feet apart, follow good hygiene practices such as frequently washing hands and using hand sanitizer, and students are in cohorts whenever possible to try to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

If you are living with a person that has tested positive for COVID, you MUST quarantine for 20 days. This is because a person's quarantine does not begin until the last day of contact with the infected person.

If you are not living with the person, you MUST quarantine for 10 days.

Someone who was exposed to COVID-19 can develop illness and test positive anytime during the 14-day period. So, after the 10 days you must continue to self-observe for symptoms of COVID-19 and strictly adhere to COVID-19 mitigation measures (social distancing, avoiding social gatherings, wearing a facemask, practicing frequent hand hygiene, etc.) for a full 14 days.

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Just to assure you, I have spoken with DHHS and they do not feel contact tracing needs to be completed in our school building as the infected person was not in contact with other students or staff during school hours.

NH DHHS will contact the individual or their parents/guardian and will instruct him/her how to self-quarantine at home. The infected person will be directed to get tested and keep themselves or their children quarantined until 10 days following their last possible exposure. A guide for self-quarantine can be found [here](#). We will work with the infected person to provide educational instruction and/or support during this time.

If you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever, chills, respiratory illness, aches or change in taste and smell, please stay home and away from others and get a COVID-19 test. You may also choose to seek out testing from your healthcare provider or at one of the [testing sites](#) located throughout the state (<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf>). If you choose either of those options, you should bring this letter with you.

If you or your child are currently quarantined, you must complete quarantine, even if your test is negative. You can not test out of a quarantine.

The safety of our children, employees and visitors is our top priority. To ensure your health and safety, we have been following [CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting](#) for our high-traffic areas and frequently touched surfaces.

In addition, to prevent further spread of the disease in our community, we should all take the following precautions to prevent the spread of the disease:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

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- Avoid close contact with others. When outside your home, keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others. This is known as social distancing.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your mouth and nose to protect others when in public areas.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you have a fever or are not feeling well.

Children may worry about themselves, their family and friends getting sick with COVID-19. Tips for talking to children about COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

To learn more about COVID-19, please check these trusted resources:

- [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services:](https://www.nh.gov/covid19/index.htm)
<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/index.htm>
- [United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
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We will certainly keep you informed if further steps or actions need to be taken.

Sincerely,

Donna Magoon, Assistant Superintendent

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