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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to ensure the safest possible learning environment for our students and staff and transparency we have a new update related to COVID-19 precautions.

- Over the weekend, the Mt. Marion student who had been sent home previously with COVID-like symptoms, tested positive. All individuals who had direct contact will remain on the mandatory Quarantine.
- The Cahill student's results were negative, so all students and staff can now participate in the hybrid learning model. Families were notified over the weekend.
- Under the advisement of the Ulster County Department of Health, those students and staff who had contact with the Morse student displaying symptoms will remain on quarantine while we wait for results.

All buildings received additional cleaning and disinfection.

Again, the intent of this notification is not to create panic, but to be completely transparent and to assure you that we are following our protocols and will take rigorous steps to ensure health and safety. Although an abundance of measures have been put in place, we all recognize that illness is still possible, and not all illnesses are related to COVID-19. However, we will treat all instances as a possible infection until medically determined otherwise and will continue to follow all guidance from our county health officials in order to ensure our students and staff are safe.

As a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that COVID-19 spreads mainly from having close contact with someone who has a COVID-19 infection. This virus can be spread by people without symptoms. This is why wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing is so important.

Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus and include fever or 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, and diarrhea.

**Once again, we urge vigilance and responsibility. It is essential that if your child has any of these symptoms related to COVID-19, that they stay home from school. Consult with your child's doctor for advice whenever needed.**

If you have any questions, please contact me, however, please understand that student privacy will continue to be protected as required by law.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt  
Superintendent