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Dear West Irondequoit Families,

I wanted to share with you that we have a new positive COVID-19 case for a student at Dake Junior High School. At this time, the Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has completed its contact tracing investigation and determined that the student contracted the virus outside of school. This student has not physically entered a school facility since early last week.

If the MCDPH did not contact you or your child, there is no risk of exposure. As you know per federal privacy laws, we cannot disclose any more details or personally identifiable information about this or other COVID-19 cases.

To help you understand the protocols followed for a student exposed to COVID-19, please read the current [MCDPH guidelines](#) regarding quarantine measures and health screening. This county guidance is based on the direction of the NYS Department of Health requirements: The student is symptom-free for 14 days from the last date of contact with a COVID-19 case.

More information on local COVID-19 testing sites is located at [NYS Information on Novel Coronavirus](#). Please direct any questions about potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or quarantining to the MCDPH. Call (585) 753-5555 or email COVID19@monroecounty.gov.

According to the Monroe County Commissioner for Public Health, Dr. Michael Mendoza, face coverings and physical distancing in schools are working. That, along with the contact tracing and precautionary quarantines, prevents spread and keeps our infection rates low. As Dr. Mendoza shared in a [recent news article](#), we must carry these habits outside of school, especially as the weather turns colder. I urge you to consider the use of face coverings and physical distancing when gathering in groups indoors. If we can agree to these terms together, we can protect our children, staff and schools to sustain the excellent teaching and learning happening in our classrooms.

In partnership,

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools