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Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

Silver Trail Middle School has been notified of a case of COVID-19 in an individual in the school. **Your child has been identified as a close contact of the case.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for COVID-19, a close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, within 2 days before the person has any symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. The CDC recommends that close contacts:

- Stay away from others at home as much as possible, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19
- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 **for 14 days** including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea
- Contact a healthcare provider immediately if your child develops any of these symptoms

Look for **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19. If your child is showing any of these or other emergency signs, **call 911 immediately:**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

The CDC recommends that people who are close contacts of COVID-19 cases be quarantined and tested for COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health in Broward County (DOH-Broward) will call you to collect more information. You will be provided with a list of Collection Sites for your child to be tested for COVID-19. **Please contact your school with COVID-19 test results as soon as they are received.**

Quarantine Guidance and Options for Students

Students with a known exposure to a COVID-19 individual should **not** attend school, school sponsored activities or be on school property until:

1. The student is **asymptomatic** and receives a **negative** diagnostic COVID-19 test after four days (**on day five or later**) from the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual; **OR**
2. The student is **asymptomatic**, and seven days have passed since the date of last exposure (**on day 8**) to the COVID-19 positive individual.

Individuals should be advised to continue monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms **for 14 days**, should any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change and get tested for COVID-19.

Quarantine Exceptions

- Students who are **fully vaccinated** (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two dose vaccine series or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine) **do not need to be quarantined** for any period of time as long as they **remain asymptomatic**
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered do not need to be **quarantined** for any period of time as long as they **are asymptomatic**.

If a student with a prior COVID-19 infection in the previous 90 days or a fully vaccinated student becomes symptomatic, the student should follow the procedures described above in the Isolation Guidance.

Isolation Guidance and Options for Students:

Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities or be on school property until:

- The student receives a **negative** diagnostic COVID-19 test and is **asymptomatic**; **OR**
- Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the students' other symptoms have improved; **OR**
- The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464.

Please notify the school immediately of a positive COVID-19 test result. Please notify the school at least 24 hours prior to your child returning to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 754-323-4300 or go to www.browardschools.com/cshs. More information about COVID-19 is available from the CDC on its website: <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19>.