

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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RE: AMPS – Staff Member Positive COVID-19 Test and  
All Schools - Students and Staff Self Quarantine Status

Dear Miller Place School District Community,

The Miller Place School District has worked collaboratively with the Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDOH) **regarding an Andrew Muller Primary School staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19**. The staff member tested positive yesterday, has not been in the building since Friday, and was not symptomatic on Friday. The staff member who tested positive will not be permitted to return to work until they are released by SCDOH and in accordance with the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.

The District completed the data gathering process and the SCDOH has completed the investigative processes. The SCDOH has advised the District that no further action is needed as the 48-hour “look-back period has been exceeded.”

In addition, **please be advised that there are students and staff members who are in “self-quarantine” status as they have either:**

(1) Been determined to be in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (they have not tested positive) or

(2) Have returned from traveling to a state that requires quarantine as per Governor Cuomo.

They will not be permitted to return to school/work until they have met the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.

Please remember, probable close contacts are individuals who have been in the 6 foot proximity of the tested positive individual, for at least 10 minutes, without wearing a mask. In addition, probable close contacts are those who were near the individual 48 hours prior to the individual becoming symptomatic or testing positive. Should SCDOH have identified close contacts, they would have contacted those individuals, who should remain at home for a 14 day quarantine period.

The health and safety of our students and staff remains a priority of our District. It is important to be reminded that symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to seasonal flu with symptoms that may include fever, coughing, vomiting, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, headache, losing the sense of smell and/or taste, as well as feeling lethargic. If your child, or any member of your household, is exhibiting any sign or symptom of COVID-19 please immediately seek medical attention. Additional information regarding Contact Tracing and Testing for COVID-19 can be found on the District website, Reopening Schools webpage at <https://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/Page/5967>

Thank you for recognizing individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are entitled to privacy rights, therefore more specific information may not be available to you. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact your child’s school nurse or principal.

Stay Informed ~ Stay Safe ~ Stay Positive.

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