

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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November 6, 2020

RE: Two MPHS Students Test COVID-19 Positive

Dear Miller Place School District Community,

The Miller Place School District has been notified of **two** separate positive cases of high school students who have tested positive for COVID-19. Neither was symptomatic or feeling ill when they were last in school. These students and their siblings (if any) are quarantining at home. The students who tested positive will not be permitted to return to school until they are released by SCDOH and in accordance with the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.

**The first student has not been in school since Tuesday, October 27, 2020 and tested positive on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.**

**The second student has not been in school since Friday, October 30, 2020 and tested positive on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.**

As per our practice, we have conferred with the Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDOH) who determined there is no contact tracing needed and no further action needed by the District as the 48-hour “look-back period has been exceeded.”

Probable close contacts are individuals who have been in the 6 foot proximity of the tested positive student, for at least 10 minutes, without wearing a mask. In addition, probable close contacts are those who were near the student 48 hours prior to the individual becoming symptomatic or testing positive. SCDOH will identify those close contacts, outside the District, 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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