

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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RE: MPHS Student Tests COVID-19 Positive

Good Morning Miller Place School District Community,

The Miller Place School District has been notified of a high school student who has tested positive for COVID-19. **The student has not been in school since Monday, November 2, 2020, tested positive today, Tuesday, November 10, 2020.** It is the District's understanding the student was exposed to COVID-19 by attending a recent community gathering and was not symptomatic or feeling ill when last in school. The student who tested positive will not be permitted to return to school until they are released by Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDOH) and in accordance with the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.

As per our practice, we have conferred with 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.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
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