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RE: Four Positive COVID-19 Cases Districtwide

Good Evening Miller Place School District Community,

Today our School District contact traced **three student** positive cases and **one staff member** positive case involving the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, North Country Road Middle School, and Miller Place High School.

In total, 14 students and 14 staff members will be quarantined until December 2, 2020. **All schools will be open tomorrow.**

- **One Miller Place High School student** has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified **one other high school student as a close contact** from an outside event. Both students will be quarantined by the Suffolk County Department of Health. The student was not symptomatic or feeling ill when last in school. The student who tested positive and the close contact will not be permitted to return to school until they have satisfied the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.
- **One North Country Road Middle School student** has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified **one other middle school student as a close contact** from an outside event. Both students will be quarantined by the Suffolk County Department of Health. The student was not symptomatic or feeling ill when last in school. The student who tested positive and the close contact will not be permitted to return to school until they have satisfied the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.
- **One Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School student** has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified **three other elementary school students, and one staff member as close contacts**. The four students and one staff member will be quarantined by the Suffolk County Department of Health. The student was not symptomatic or feeling ill when last in school. The student who tested positive and the close contacts will not be permitted to return to school until they have satisfied the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.
- **One North Country Road Middle School staff member** has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified **six middle school students, and twelve staff members as close contacts**. The students and staff members will be quarantined by the Suffolk County Department of Health. The staff member was not symptomatic or feeling ill when last in school. The staff member who tested positive and the close contacts will not be permitted to return to school until they have satisfied the guidelines detailed in our return to school protocols.

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.**

All students and staff members affected by these four cases have been directly contacted by our school administrators. SCDOH will notify these individuals, who should remain **at home for a 14 day quarantine period**, and are not permitted to return to school **until after December 2, 2020.**

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
Superintendent of Schools