

Miller Place Union Free School District

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RE: **MPHS - Positive COVID-19 Test**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

The Miller Place School District has been notified by the Suffolk County Department of Health (SCDOH) that a student at Miller Place High School has tested positive for COVID-19.

Although the student may not have been symptomatic on Monday, they may have been symptomatic on Tuesday and tested positive on Tuesday evening. Therefore, the SCDOH has determined the student was in school immediately prior to testing positive.

Based on the data provided to the SCDOH by the District and after completing their investigation, they have determined **12 high school students and 1 teacher must quarantine** for a 14 day period. Individuals affected by the case and those who need to be quarantined have been contacted. The student 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.

As per our Contact and Tracing Plan we have consulted with SCDOH and are following all necessary safety and cleaning procedures to mitigate any exposure to additional students and staff. As per our plan the SCDOH conducts the contact tracing for probable close contacts. 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. SCDOH identifies those close contacts 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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