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RE: **Closing MPHS and NCRMS Students Positive COVID-19 Test**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

The Miller Place School District has been notified that a student at North County Road Middle School **and** a student at Miller Place High School both tested positive for COVID-19 last night, Sunday, November 1, 2020. The students who are family members, are both Cohort 2, were in school on Friday, October 30, 2020. In addition, it is our understanding that these students were with friends from cohort 1 and cohort 2 this past weekend.

Therefore, out of an abundance of caution today's secondary students are being released early from school today so the District can work with the Suffolk County Department of Health to determine which students need to be quarantined and for how long.

Miller Place High School will dismiss at 10:45AM and North Country Road Middle School will dismiss at 11:30AM. There will be no afternoon BOCES for occupational education students today.

The District and SCDOH will work together over the next 24 hours to determine the status of MPHS and NCRMS reopening dates.

Individuals affected by these cases and those who need to be quarantined will be contacted. 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.

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.

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