



Bloomington Public Schools

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Possible Exposure of COVID-19 in a Classroom Cohort Pullman Elementary

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Dear Parents,

I received notification that a student in your child's classroom cohort has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. While I must protect the privacy of the person involved, I believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family. There is nothing more important to Bloomington Schools than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families.

Your child has a *possible* exposure to someone who was exposed to a COVID positive person. This student is not COVID positive, but has been exposed to a COVID positive person. Due to the strict district safety measures and cohort classrooms, contact tracing and possible exposure was limited and no students have been identified as exposed.

Bloomington Schools will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside all district schools and we will continue to be diligent with our safety protocols and cleaning measures. It is important for our students and families to remain vigilant in practicing all the appropriate safety protocols. The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- If you must go out, practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people.

If you would like to learn more about COVID-19, the following links are reliable and accurate sources for information:

[CDC COVID-19 Information](#)
[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)

[Michigan.gov/coronavirus](#)
[Vbcassdhd.org/coronavirus](#)

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathetic and respectful to those affected.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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