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Milton-Union Exempted Village Schools

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Dear Students, Families, and Community Members of the Milton-Union Schools:

The district received verification three Milton-Union High School students tested positive for COVID-19. Per typical process, our staff members consulted with Miami County Public Health personnel, and employees, students, family members, and caregivers identified as or related to any additional close contacts were notified. The district continues to seek and receive advice and assistance from local public health officials.

Please note the Ohio Department of Health modified its quarantine considerations for individuals possibly exposed to COVID-19. In response to new scientific evidence, the Ohio Department of Health now recommends two additional options to reduce the duration of quarantine. For more information, please visit *ODH COVID Quarantine* on the district website.

In addition, Miami County Public Health has now modified letters communicating quarantine orders to include the following information for students and families.

> *"Your child will be quarantined from school, as well as all outside activities for ten days from last exposure (day of exposure is considered day zero)…A negative test result for SARS COV-2 from a sample collected on day five or later after last exposure can decrease the time to a seven day quarantine after last exposure. This quarantine helps decrease the risk of spread to others as well as verify that your child has not developed COVID-19…"*

Not only will the district remain committed to safety protocols, but we also strive to maintain the privacy of and confidentiality for students, families, and employees. We hope everyone can remain mindful of safe practices and healthy decisions among our students, staff members, parents, and caregivers both in and outside of school. As always, thank you for your continued support, understanding, and patience.

Respectfully,

Brad Ritchey, Ph.D.

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