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Dear Families and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that an individual(s) at WCHS and Nettie Davis have had to self-quarantine due to being identified as close contacts. In addition, individual(s) at WCHS have tested positive for Covid-19. We have coordinated our efforts with the Iroquois County Department of Public Health (ICDPH) to identify and monitor individuals who have had recent contact with the COVID-19 positive individual(s) to prevent further spread within our school and community. The date of the occurrence was Monday, December 7th. **Based on the information received from the ICDPH, the exposure on these dates have been determined to be a low-risk exposure. Through contact tracing, anyone at risk to this low-exposure occurrence will be contacted personally.**

The health and safety of all of our students and staff is our highest priority. We are following guidance from state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health. As we receive more information from the Department of Public Health and other entities, we will implement additional recommendations and guidelines.

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms[1]. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms[2] should seek medical care immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, school, and your local health department. Students with these symptoms will not be admitted back to school without proper documentation or clearance from the Unit 9 Nurse.

We continue to strive to provide your son/daughter and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 815.432.4931.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Andriano, Unit 9 Superintendent

[1] 1 Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

[2] 2 Severe symptoms of COVID-19 include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.