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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is to inform you that an individual associated with the Cape Elizabeth High School tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We are informing you of this situation out of an abundance of caution. The Delta variant has proven to infect both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in Maine. School nurses are in the process of conducting contact tracing. Individuals who are a close contact have been or will soon be contacted by the high school nurse, Ms. Jenkins. However, it is important to note that a COVID-19 vaccination and/or pooled testing can allow students to continue to attend school even if identified as a close contact. Because of our high vaccination rates, a minimal number of individuals were required to quarantine based on this exemption. We encourage families to take advantage of these mitigation measures, but also recognize these programs are optional and there are a variety of reasons for the choices families make. We are committed to all students regardless of their vaccination or pooled testing choices and we will support student educational needs during any required quarantine.

This is also an important reminder of the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community and how important it is to adhere to the guidelines put forth by the CDC. Please continue to monitor yourself/your child(ren) for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Call a healthcare provider if symptoms start. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Please stay home if you are sick.

Questions for the high school can be directed to school nurse, Karen Jenkins. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Stay Well,
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