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Cleveland City Schools Update

Dear Families,

Today, Cleveland City Schools was notified by the Bradley County Health Department that individuals at Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary School and Cleveland Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19.

Per our established protocol, we have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the spaces where the individuals were present. We are in contact with the Bradley County Health Department and will take the steps necessary to protect the health of our students and staff. Following the guidelines set forth by the Tennessee Department of Health and the Tennessee Department of Education contact tracing at the school will take place and anyone in close contact (someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for 10 minutes or more) with these individuals will be notified. If you were notified that your child needs to be quarantined, they may not attend school or any school activities. However, they should continue working digitally in order to be counted present.

The individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to school for a minimum of 10 days. Classes will continue their regular schedule. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure the safest environment possible while providing continuity of education to our students. When we can work quickly and collaboratively with the Tennessee Department of Health to identify and advise ill and exposed students and staff, we can avoid the need to close our schools.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Parents of students exhibiting flu-like symptoms or staff exhibiting flu-like symptoms are asked to contact a school nurse, local health authorities or the Bradley County Health Department.

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates as we know more.