

Regional School Unit #2

Dresden – Farmingdale – Hallowell – Monmouth – Richmond

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RE: Contact Tracing Situation at One School in Monmouth

Dear RSU community,

We received information today that the CDC is working on a contact tracing situation that involves one positive case at the middle school level at Monmouth Memorial School.

At this moment, no other school is impacted by this situation.

CDC assures us that with mask wearing and the other safety precautions we have in place, secondary contact (meaning being less than 6 ft away from a person who was in close contact with a different person with a positive test) is not a risk that would require quarantine or testing.

Any staff member or student deemed to be a close contact will receive detailed information and directions related to isolation, testing, quarantine, and criteria needing to be met to return to school both from our school nurse and the CDC. Those individuals will need to provide a doctor note to come to school after those criteria are met.

We understand that students should be at school, if and when it is safe to do so. Tomorrow, Friday 10/9/20, we will have MMS operate fully remote for the day while we ensure all contact tracing is complete and sanitize.

CDC will help us confirm the length of time the middle school impacted team will be in full remote learning mode. We will also be verifying with the CDC whether it is safe for us to have the pre-K through 5 return in hybrid mode on Tuesday. Another message will go out to the Monmouth Memorial School tomorrow late afternoon with an update specific to that school.

There is currently no impact on any other building within in the RSU.

These situations are stressful for everyone, but especially for those closest to the situation. Please be supportive, protect the privacy of others, and demonstrate the RSU Community compassion that makes us strong.

Be kind, be safe, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



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