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To: PHMS Community  
From: Mr. Gurganus, PHMS Principal  
Subject: COVID-19 Case Confirmation  
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On 1.10.2022, five confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) were reported at Patrick Henry Middle School. Our school nurse is working closely with our administration and teaching staff to identify exposures and prevent further cases. This letter is informational only; no further action is required from you at this time. **Please note, if there are “close contacts” related to this positive case, they have already been notified.**

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are less than six feet from each other for at least 15 minutes. A person who is a close contact of someone who is infected with COVID-19 may experience COVID-19 symptoms typically within two to fourteen days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include: Fever ( $>100.4^{\circ}$  F), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

At this time close contacts with exposures have been notified by the school district and have been instructed to self-quarantine, per the Wayne County Health Department.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

1. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
2. Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.

3. If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes must contain at least 60% alcohol. Dispose of wipes in the trash after use.
4. Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).
5. Follow guidance for wearing a face covering and social distancing.

If you have questions, please contact the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7078.

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas as needed with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

Additional information can be found on the [CDC website](#).