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Dear Ogden East Campus Learning Community,

Yesterday we shared a communication from Dr. Kenneth Fox, Chief Health Officer of Chicago Public Schools informing you that a member of our parent community contracted Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) during a trip abroad. We want to reassure you that this individual has not entered East Campus or any CPS school, and we do not believe the parent came into direct contact with any students or staff, other than their own family members. In addition, the family members who had direct contact with the diagnosed individual are now under self-quarantine for the recommended 14-day period.

While we've done our best to connect with those of you who have reached out with concerns or asked additional questions, we also want to be proactive in sharing the answers to the frequently asked questions we've received:

- Why didn't East Campus close? The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) did not recommend closure because our situation is classified as a potential secondary exposure for the students and staff. It is important to note that exposure to COVID-19 does not mean transmission.
- When was East Campus cleaned? Custodial staff worked during the school day yesterday and overnight to disinfect touchpoints and classroom surfaces. In addition to the custodial work, our teachers have taken a very proactive approach for the past several weeks in disinfecting, washing hands, and cleaning classroom areas regularly, and will continue to do so. We greatly appreciate the generous donations from parents of cleaning supplies and resources to support this effort.
- What grade or room was the child in? We will not be sharing specific classroom information or grade level information to ensure privacy for the family.

- What if I keep my child home during this time? We will excuse the absence if you deem it necessary to keep your child home. Whether your child is unable to attend school due to illness or due to concern of illness, you can obtain resources [HERE](#) for online and home learning. Please know this document will be updated regularly. In addition, your child's teacher will communicate classroom specific assignments.
- What should I do if my child gets sick? If you or your child has a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing and did not have direct contact with a known COVID-19 positive person, please keep them home and contact your primary care provider. If you are concerned that you or your child have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your primary provider. If you need help locating medical care, please reach out to the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness at oshw@cps.edu or by calling the Healthy CPS Hotline 773-553-KIDS (5437).

While we know this information is concerning, our goal is to keep you informed and to provide you the resources needed to answer any additional questions you might have regarding COVID-19.

- [Chicago Department of Public Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Chicago Public Schools](#)

We are also taking this opportunity to ask parents to update their contact information so we can be well prepared for general communication, as well as in emergency situations.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate this difficult situation together. Please reach out to Mrs. Kranz via ckranz@cps.edu or Mr. Herrick via dherrick1@cps.edu should you have additional questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Mr. Herrick, Interim Principal

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