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Dear Clark Schools Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 has occurred at Arthur L. Johnson High School. Due to this case, our ALJ students are being kept home from school through and including Tuesday, November 24. Wednesday, November 25 was already a scheduled full remote, a.m. session only day. Potential close contacts of this positive case have already been notified separately. In fact, this schoolwide closure is being put into place due to the staffing issues that arose from the potential close contacts with this positive case as opposed to more health-related concerns. Please know that this positive case has not impacted our other schools in any way.

Kindly know that while we are not at liberty to share any additional information regarding this case due to HIPAA guidelines, the case is unrelated to any prior cases in the district. To date, we have not had any additional positive cases arise from a positive case in school.

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas are being completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the CDC promoted safeguards such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes, and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick, and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. COVID-19 resources from the CDC are available below and on your school website under the "Health and Nurse" tab.

How to Protect Yourself & Others:



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Social Distancing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

What to Do If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

When to Quarantine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Isolate If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>

Contact Tracing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html#:~:text=Contact%20tracing%20slows%20the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19%20by&text=Helping%20people%20who%20may%20have,they%20are%20a%20close%20contact.>

As a reminder, please report any COVID-19 symptoms and test dates/results to the Health Office of your child's school. A negative COVID-19 test result **does not** negate the need for a 14-day quarantine.

Kindly feel free to contact our Supervisor of School Nursing Lori Kowalski by email at lkowalski@clarkschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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