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Dear CHK Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 has occurred at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School.

Due to this case, your child will need to be kept home from school through and including Tuesday, November 24. Wednesday, November 25 was already a scheduled full remote, a.m. session only day. We ask that you be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your child. Symptoms can include but are not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Not everyone will get all of these symptoms. Potential close contacts of this positive case have already been notified separately. In fact, this school wide 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 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. **Please note, that all close contact students have been notified by the school nurse.**

If you believe your child may have COVID-19, please contact his/her primary care doctor for directions. Most people who are mildly or moderately ill with COVID-19 will be able to safely recover at home.

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. 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/CHK School Nurse Lori Kowalski by email at lkowalski@clarkschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Delmonaco

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