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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that another individual at Thomas Jefferson Middle School has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Please be advised the individual has not been in the building since December 2nd and thus quarantining for this case will only be required for the diagnosed person or anyone else who had prolonged contact with the individual and/or is currently exhibiting symptoms. As a result, the school will remain open with our current hybrid model in place.

The district is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. People or individuals both in the district as well as outside of school who had contact with the person will or have been contacted directly by the Department of Health or the school health office.

Please know that the cleaning and disinfecting of the entire building will continue as per outlined in our district Restart and Re-entry Plan. The school is also taking extra precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is continuing to clean frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of the situation is fluid, and we are continuing to monitor it closely.

We understand the level of concern regarding a positive case in the district. At the same time, we encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- **Staying home when you are sick;**
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes properly and disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks or utensils;
- Practicing social distancing and staying 6 feet apart when possible;
- Wearing a face covering while at school;
- Continuing to monitor your health for targeted 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. Should you have any questions, please feel to reach out to your school nurse for medical concerns or your building principal for administrative issues.

Sincerely yours.

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent