February 2nd, 2021

Middle School Parent or Guardian:

Tuesday afternoon we confirmed with District Health Department #10 that a Shelby Middle School staff member had recently tested positive for COVID-19. In conjunction with the health department, we established what students or staff may have been in close contact with the individual who was positive. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet or less of another individual for 15 minutes or longer . People who were determined to have been in close contact have been directed to take appropriate measures based on health department guidelines.

The health and safety of students, staff, and the overall community continue to be a top priority. We continue to follow sanitizing practices and other procedures that minimize student and staff risk of being exposed to COVID-19 while at school. We take this opportunity to remind you as well that parents are responsible for screening your student for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending them to school.

Symptoms to watch for are:
- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher •
- Sore throat •
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline) •
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain •
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Should your student display any of the following symptoms, they need to stay home from school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. Thank you for your efforts to keep your child and other children safe. Should you have any questions regarding this situation or safety related to COVID-19 in the school, please call the middle school at (231) 861-4521. Please contact the District Health Department #10 should you have health concerns regarding your student and COVID-19 symptoms at (231) 873-2193.

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