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Brimfield Families:

Good Afternoon. We hope your family is healthy and well.

Today, we have learned that a Brimfield CUSD #309 staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

Upon learning of the positive test, Brimfield administration consulted with the Peoria City/County Health Department. With their guidance, we contact traced per their standards to identify close contacts. The threshold for a close contact is anyone who is within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes.

Contact tracing has identified individuals who need to quarantine. All of those individuals have been informed of their status. All of the quarantines are from Brimfield Grade School. At this time, no students have been identified as needing to quarantine.

We stated at the beginning of the year that we would remain in-person for as long as we can. We have developed a plan that will allow students to remain in-person, despite the positive case and quarantines. Through a combination of substitutes, teacher aides, and teachers teaching remotely, we will be able to remain in-person. However, this plan has stretched our staffing about as far as it can go. We are now nearing a point where remote instruction may be unavoidable. We have continued to stress to families to be ready for remote learning at a moment's notice. We continue to make this appeal to you.

As cases in our area increase, we ask community members to continue masking, maintaining social distance, and washing hands frequently. Please be mindful of COVID-19 symptoms and do not send students to school if they are experiencing symptoms.

We are very proud of the work the entire community has to done to help us remain in-person for as long as we have. This is a great example of the value our community has placed on the education of our children.

Yours in education,

Tony Shinall