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COVID-19 Cases at Schools

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Houston County School District has recently been notified of positive COVID-19 tests at these schools: Houston County High, Lake Joy Primary, Lindsey Elementary, Mossy Creek Middle, Perry Middle, Thomson Middle and Quail Run Elementary. As a safety precaution, the parents of students who may have been exposed to the virus were informed by their principal. To keep the school family informed, principals also notified staff members and all other parents whose children were not identified as close contacts.

The school district continues to work closely with the Houston County Health Department, which investigates and conducts contact tracing. Due to privacy requirements, the names of the individual or details that may identify them cannot be released.

The safety of students and employees is the district's number one priority. Per current public health guidelines, those who were in close contact will remain off campus for 14 calendar days, unless advised otherwise by the Health Department. In keeping with district protocol, the areas will undergo deep cleaning and disinfecting prior to further use.

School officials will continue to follow appropriate procedures as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and health department. For more information about the processes the district follows in partnership with the Health Department, please visit the district website, www.hcbe.net, to review the *Plan to Reopen*. For more information about COVID-19, please visit the CDC website or contact the Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 hotline at (844) 442-2681.

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