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Dear West Irondequoit Families and Staff,

We were informed Thursday that an Irondequoit High School student recently tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, the Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has completed its contact tracing and determined that the student contracted the virus outside of school. Thanks to our consistent use of face coverings and what we're doing to promote physical distancing and hand hygiene, the MCDPH also found minimal chance of further spread in school. The student self-quarantined last weekend after feeling ill.

If the MCDPH did not contact you or your child, there is no risk of exposure. As you know per federal privacy laws, we cannot disclose more details or personally identifiable information about COVID-19 cases. If you have information, questions, or concerns, please contact the MCDPH's hotline at (585) 753-5555.

In addition, here are a few important points of clarification from [recent updates](#) from MCDPH:

- If you are unsure if a symptom is **new or worsening**, treat it as a potential symptom of COVID-19 and quarantine pending a consultation and screening with your health care provider.
- Symptomatic students or [staff](#) **MUST** consult with a health care provider AND receive an alternate diagnosis OR negative test result **within 48 hours of symptom onset**. People who do not meet these criteria will be placed in isolation per the MCDPH.
- If a student or staff member experiences fever and/or loss of smell, the individual's **immediate household members (including siblings) must quarantine** per the MCDPH, pending COVID-19 test results of the symptomatic person.

With the holidays approaching, I am asking everyone to remain focused on what is working. **Your efforts to monitor temperature and symptoms prior to arrival at school are making a big difference.** That, along with consistent use of face coverings, are keeping people healthy and our schools open. We all own a piece of our success, but also the burden to stay the course. Remember, we're doing this for our children.

In partnership,

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools