



King and Queen County Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today, September 18, 2020, we were informed of someone at Central High School which tested positive for COVID-19. This person was on school premises on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and did not have direct exposure with other members of our community. At this time, Three Rivers Health District is investigating what appears to be an outside community transmission and outside of our school buildings. I am writing you this letter to keep you as informed as possible, so we are all able to navigate through this situation in the safest, healthiest, and most efficient way possible. Additionally, the Three Rivers Health District has expressed continued confidence in our health guidelines and recommends that Central High School remain open.

Our school division has prepared for this type of situation, and the following immediate action has been taken:

- We have made the Virginia Department of Health and the Three Rivers Health District aware of the positive case, and they are actively conducting contact tracing procedures.
- Additionally, our administrative team has proactively worked to preliminarily identify students and staff members who may have been in “close contact” with the person. Our administrative team has contacted all students and staff who we have preliminarily identified as potentially being in close contact. **If you have not been contacted directly by phone by a KOPS administrator, we do not believe your student was in close contact with the person at any time.**

As we have advised since the start of the school year, please make sure you are performing health screenings with your child each morning. Also, please continue to monitor your child’s health and the health of your family for [COVID-19 symptoms](#). If you feel your child has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, please report this to our school. This information will be kept confidential. If your child experiences any of these symptoms, you should consult his/her physician and not come to school:

- > Fever or chills
- > Cough
- > Sore throat
- > Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- > Fatigue
- > Muscle/body aches
- > Headache
- > New loss of taste or smell
- > Congestion or runny nose
- > Nausea or vomiting
- > Diarrhea



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COVID Positive Case Exposure in Schools

Again, we share this information with you not to alarm you but to keep you as informed as possible. Schools continue to utilize Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations on [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces](#), to reduce viral transmission and keep our children and school personnel healthy and safe. Parents and family members can assist this effort by promoting healthy behaviors and following these practices:

- Staying home from work or school when feeling sick, even if symptoms are mild
- Wearing a face covering
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then immediately washing your hands
- Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces that are often touched
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Taking care of your overall health

The [Virginia Department of Health](#) provides information about COVID-19 and [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) from parents and concerned family members. The CDC offers [tips](#) to keep children healthy during this time. The Virginia Department of Education's produced [COVID-19: A Parent Guide for School Age Children](#) and provides additional considerations for [students with disabilities](#), [guidance for military families](#) and [social emotional wellness for parents and caregivers](#).

Please know that we are here to support our families at all times. Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions at (804) 785-5981.

We are in this together and we are **ONE TEAM, ONE MISSION, ONE FAMILY!**

Sincerely,

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