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Hello, Blazer Learning Community Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

As per our *Blazer Learning Community health & Safety Plan*, this correspondence is to inform you that late last evening, we learned that a student has tested positive for COVID-19 at our Daniel Boone Area Primary Center (DBAPC) building. We are keeping them in our thoughts and hoping they have a speedy recovery. Please know that the health, safety, and well-being of our students, families, and staff remains our top priority. We are sharing the following facts and action steps and recommendations with you.

Facts related to this incident are as follows:
- We were notified of a positive COVID-19 late last evening,
- The individual utilized district transportation,
- Contact tracing has occurred with students in close contact with the infected individual.

The individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will remain home until all of the following are true:
- At least 10 days since the onset of symptoms,
- At least 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications,
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and,
- Appropriately cleared by a medical professional.

The Daniel Boone Area School District (DBASD) will continue to work with the PA Department of Health (PADoH) and take the steps necessary to protect the health of our students and staff.

Since there is only one case of COVID-19 reported at the DBAPC, the PADoH recommends the following:
- The building will remain open,
- We have cleaned areas where the individual was present,
- Public & local health staff directed close contacts to quarantine.

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We continue to be cognizant that this information is not any of which we want to hear as we approach the *Fall Break* of school for 2020/2021, as well as onset of the winter months. It is strongly encouraged in continuing to participate in the following:
- Appropriate socially distance from others,
- Wear appropriate face covering(s) whenever possible,
- Frequent handwashing and/or sanitizing as well as other personal hygiene measures,
- Keep group gatherings to immediate household family members.

While this positive case does not mean your child will get COVID-19, it is still important for parents/guardians/caregivers to be aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if your child becomes ill. Common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever and cough. Some individuals may also experience shortness of breath, runny nose, fatigue, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, loss of taste / smell or gastrointestinal symptoms. Symptoms can vary by person and range from very mild symptoms to severe illness. More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at PA Department of Health or at the Center of Disease Control and Prevention. Immediately report any symptoms requiring medical attention to the PADoH (1-877-724-3258) and contact your health care provider. Be sure to inform the provider of you or your child's possible exposure to a person with COVID-19.

Please continue to watch for symptoms of COVID-19 over the next couple of weeks. If your child currently has symptoms or develops symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your child's healthcare provider. We encourage families to continue practicing proper hand hygiene by washing hands often with soap and water for at minimum twenty (20) seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available, physical distancing when outside of the home, wearing face coverings, covering coughs and sneezes with elbow and **NOT** hands, cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas, and checking health on a daily basis. A student, staff, or community member exhibiting any symptoms of illness, that student or staff should not come to school and community member should not enter district buildings. Students, staff and community are asked to continue to monitor their health. If your child(ren) has any of these symptoms, please contact your medical provider. Students who are asymptomatic or feeling well enough are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our Daniel Boone Digital Learning (DBDL) platform to avoid falling behind when they are unable to attend school in-person.

Our *Blazer Learning Community health & Safety Plan* is only effective if we all do our part to ensure we are making decisions to keep one another safe and healthy. **If students, staff, or community find themselves in a position where they may have been exposed to COVID-19, necessitating a test, the time to notify your school nurse or building administration is at the time the test is requested and NOT after results are acquired.** Be aware of any persons in your household who may be at higher risk of getting COVID-19, including individuals who are elderly, immunocompromised (e.g., someone who has cancer and is taking chemotherapy), or have another condition or illness such as diabetes or asthma. You or your child should practice physical distancing around those persons. If you are contacted by the PADoH, please cooperate with monitoring and follow all instructions so that other people do not become sick.

The PADoH, with the assistance of the DBASD, has notified those in need of a quarantine.

We know that this is concerning news. Please understand that we have prepared for this very scenario and all the appropriate steps are underway. We will continue to assess the situation in consultation with the PADoH and will; if necessary, provide you with updates as we know more. Please continue to frequently access our district's COVID-19 page for information and updates.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this correspondence, please contact us.

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