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Email Subject: WMA - COVID-19 Health Update

Dear Parent,

In an effort to continue to keep our community informed, today we received information that a Waldron Mercy individual who was not in the building today, was exposed to someone outside of the school who tested positive for COVID-19. The Waldron person is asymptomatic, but per our policy will be quarantining for 14 days from the last day of their exposure to the affected individual.

Following the procedures established in our Health and Safety Plan, we immediately contacted the Montgomery County Office of Public Health, who advised us that there is NO need for the cohort to remain home and isolate themselves. The members of the cohort, and any others in our building the individual may have been in contact with, have already been notified of this. If you did not receive a previous email, your student was not in the cohort affected.

While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family. If you are uncomfortable with your child coming to school, you may choose to change him or her temporarily to full distance learning, and return to your current pattern once you feel more comfortable.

Please know that in compliance with our cleaning procedures, all rooms are disinfected at the end of the school day, so students enter the room safely each morning. Also, we would remind you that students are never closer than 6' in the classroom and in hallways, and all students are always masked, unless they are taking a mask break or eating lunch. While we are also enforcing the 6' apart message when they are outside, we would be grateful if you would help them understand the importance of that message. The CDC recommends these best practices:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve our families, especially as we face this challenging situation together. We encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those involved. We thank you for your support with this.

We will notify you if we receive new information about the situation.

In Mercy,
Ann Marie

