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Email Subject: Important COVID-19 Health Update

Dear Parent,

In an effort to continue to keep our parents, staff and community informed, I want to share that an individual who is employed by Waldron Mercy Academy reported today that they tested positive for COVID-19. This individual has had close contact with one other Waldron person not in the above mentioned cohort. Following the procedures established in our Health and Safety Plan, we immediately contacted the Montgomery County Office of Public Health this morning. Officials there advised us that the individuals in the cohort with the positive staff member be excluded from school as defined by our policy. The two directly affected Waldron individuals are isolating or quarantining as required by the Montgomery County Office of Public Health.

The members of both affected cohorts, and any others in our building the individuals may have been in contact with, have already been notified. If you did not receive a previous phone call or email, your student was not in the two cohorts affected. If we receive additional information relevant to you, you will be contacted directly.

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. When teachers need to be in close contact, it is for a limited time frame of about 1-3 minutes. While we are also enforcing the 6' apart message when the students 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. Thank you for your support.

In Mercy,  
Ann Marie