



September 14, 2021

Dear Families:

I am writing to inform you that we have been made aware that one student and one employee in our school has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in the building on September 10, 2021.

As is our ongoing practice when we learn cases such as these, we have had conversations with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health as to the proper course of action. We have investigated the movement of the COVID-positive student and employee and discussed our findings with the Department of Health.

Because of health privacy requirements, we cannot provide specific information as to the positive cases. However, those who have been identified as close contacts through our investigation have been contacted and provided with appropriate direction.

As a general practice, families should regularly monitor their students closely for any symptoms of COVID-19. Per the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland State Department of Education, those symptoms are any one of the following:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- sore throat
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- new onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
- new loss of taste or smell

Anyone developing any of those symptoms should not take part in any school-related activity, should consult a family physician, and should be tested for COVID-19. [A list of testing sites operated by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health can be found here.](#) Other testing sites are available throughout the county.

If you wish to have additional information on health and safety recommendations regarding COVID-19, please see the Anne Arundel County Department of Health website at [www.aahealth.org](http://www.aahealth.org). If you wish to pursue having your student tested for COVID-19, please visit [www.aahealth.org/covid19-testing](http://www.aahealth.org/covid19-testing).

Sincerely,

Beth Shakan  
Principal

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