



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Dear SD81 Families:

This letter is to inform you that a student at Lincoln Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. In consultation with the Cook County Department of Public Health, we have determined that no risk of transmission exists within our school community relative to this case, since this individual was already in quarantine prior to getting tested, due to close contact with a COVID-positive individual in the home 3 days before exhibiting symptoms. The student began the quarantine as a precautionary measure.

The health and safety of District 81's students and staff remains our highest priority. It is highly unfortunate that this has occurred, but this scenario is exactly what the district has spent months planning for and why our strict protocols are in place.

We will continue to follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state and local health departments for best practices to protect everyone's health, and will continue to take action to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- All individuals present in our school buildings are required to wear face coverings at all times, as previously directed and in accordance with District 81 policy.
- High touch surfaces, including door handles, stair rails, sinks, faucets, etc., are frequently sanitized.
- We are actively teaching and reminding students about the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing.

To support our efforts, we ask that you continue to model for your child the importance of wearing a mask, washing one's hands, and maintaining 6-foot social distance. **Furthermore, if you or your child are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please let us know immediately.** Your cooperation in this area is critical to our efforts to remain open for in-person learning.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy school environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to keep everyone safe within our school community. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (847) 671-1816.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Boryszewski, Superintendent of Schools