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NOTIFICATION TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF A PERSON WITH COVID-19 AT KICKEMUIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Staff, Parents or Guardians of Students at KMS,

On January 26, 2021, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) notified us here at KMS that a staff member in our school community tested positive for COVID-19. **Every person who had close contact with the person with COVID-19 has already received either a phone call or email from our school nurse with information and instructions about quarantine.** Close contact means being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer. Close contacts must quarantine (stay at home) for 10 days per RIDOH guidelines after the day that they were in close contact with the person with COVID-19. If you have not received communication from the nurse then you are not considered a close contact.

Even if a person is not a close contact, all staff and students should be vigilant and watch for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include a cough, fever and chills, muscle and body aches, headache, runny nose or stuffy nose, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and recent loss of taste or smell. Children usually experience symptoms that are milder than adults. **PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE ATTESTATION FORMS DAILY.**

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school, notify the school of their symptoms, and contact their healthcare provider for advice. Staff or students with symptoms can call the PreK-12 COVID-19 Test Scheduling Service a **1-844-857-1814** to schedule a test. You do not have to pay for testing. Even if you don't have health insurance, you can get a test. The classrooms, bathrooms, and other spaces used by the students and staff will be cleaned before students/staff return in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Should you have any questions, please contact Erin Welchman, RN, at 245 - 2010, ext 2009

For additional information about COVID-19, visit: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>

Sincerely,

Dennis Morrell, Principal

C. Dr. Jonathan Brice, Superintendent

Dr. Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent

Erin Welchman, RN, School Nurse/Teacher

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