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Patrik D. Williams, Superintendent

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Dear Smyrna School District Families:

We have learned that at Clayton Intermediate School one staff member and one student have tested positive for COVID-19 and will not return until the isolation period has passed. Anyone who has been in close contact as determined by the Division of Public Health (DPH) is being notified by our partners at DPH and may have to quarantine for 7-10 days before returning to school. Individual decisions on quarantining are made by DPH epidemiologists, in consultation with the affected individual, and may depend on whether the individual was wearing a mask.

Visit <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4241> for DPH protocols around positive cases in schools.

We always encourage you to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19. If a student, household member or staff member is sick with any of the following symptoms and/or has been asked to secure a COVID-19 test for precautionary reasons, please stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies. Our school nurse is available to support your family by reviewing symptoms to monitor, answering questions you may have, assisting with follow-up communications, and providing further information on available testing sites. COVID-19 testing is free and available right here in our local community.

DPH encourages all Delawareans – whether or not they are experiencing symptoms – to consider getting a free test to help our state more accurately track the disease’s spread and keep our communities healthy.

Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/> for information on free COVID-19 testing in Delaware.

Visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/> for the latest updates on COVID-19 in Delaware.

All of our schools adhere to strict cleaning, social distancing, and hygiene protocols, our best defense against COVID-19 and its spread. We have also posted on our web pages a copy of the self-health assessment that the state’s returning-to-school guidance has suggested students and staff perform daily before coming to school. Please know that all cleaning protocols and layered mitigation strategies per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DPH guidance remain in effect for the 2021-22 school year.

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Please know also that these decisions are aligned with the most current health guidance from the CDC and DPH. As always, our primary interest is everyone's health, safety and well-being.

Sincerely,

Patrik Williams
Superintendent

Cc: Division of Public Health