

October 23, 2020

Dear Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians, School Districts, Transportation Companies:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Garfield Park Academy has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The school is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community. As a safety precaution, the school will move to a full remote learning schedule beginning Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The school building will reopen for hybrid learning on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the beginning of the second marking period.

Contact Tracing is underway. If you are identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more) you will receive an additional notification. No further action is required if you do not receive additional notification. Close contacts for this case have already been notified.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas have been completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces repeatedly. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart)
- Wearing a face covering while in school
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Mr. Lance Clark at 609-877-4111, extension 283 or the School Nurse, Jane St. John at extension 233.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steven Morse,  
Executive Director / Superintendent

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