

January 14, 2021

The purpose of this notification is to make you aware of the most recent case of COVID-19 in our school community. We received notification today that an individual in our school has tested positive for COVID-19. The last date this individual was in the school building was January 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are coordinating closely with the Madison Health Department to identify any potential close contacts of the individual diagnosed with COVID-19 in our school community so that we can determine those who need to quarantine.

The individual and any identified close contacts will not be present in school until they meet the NJDOH criteria for return.

For privacy reasons we will not be disclosing the class-level or the names of anyone who has a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will be receiving a separate communication.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. Due to the rising transmission rate in NJ, we encourage parents and students to continue following safe practices such as:

- Staying home when you are sick
- Washing hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds often
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick
- Do not sharing food, drinks and utensils
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart)
- Wearing a face covering while in school
- Avoid touching your face
- If you believe you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, please contact us and your local health department immediately and get tested

If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 and our school, please contact either the school nurse or Sr. Noreen.

We thank you for your help and collaboration so that we can continue to keep our SVMS community healthy and safe.