

Marathon Central School District

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Mrs. Rebecca Stone
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November 22, 2020

Dear Marathon Parents and Guardians,

We were advised on Sunday, November 22nd, that a person who was in attendance in the 8th grade cohort at the Jr./Sr. High School tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Cortland County Health Department has initiated an investigation as well as the contact tracing process. Today, Marathon staff reached out to families of students that may have been in contact with the individual who has tested positive for COVID 19. Health Department personnel will officially reach out to anyone who has had close contact with the individual who tested positive and provide quarantine guidelines. If an unknown number calls your phone in the next few days, please answer as this may be a call from a NY State contact tracer. Out of an abundance of caution, **Grades 7 and 8 will learn remotely on Monday, November 23rd through Friday, December 4th. Grades 7 and 8 will resume in-person learning at school on Monday, December 7th.** Grades UPK-6th and 9th-12th continue in-person learning as usual.

We will make meals available for interested families for students in grades 7th and 8th. Please call the HS office (849-3251) or email Mrs. Penrose (penrosek@marathonschools.org) ASAP if you would like meals.

The person who tested positive, and any other students/faculty/staff who were exposed, will not return to school until the Cortland County Health Department provides clearance for them to do so. We hope you understand that we cannot provide any additional information about the person who tested positive due to confidentiality concerns. We will continue to deep clean and sanitize our school buildings and school buses on a daily basis.

Please continue to practice and encourage good hand-washing hygiene, wear face masks, and practice social distancing. As we move into the holiday season, this will become more and more important. If you or a family member start to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 (defined by CDC to include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, congestion or running nose), please reach out to your physician and inform the appropriate school nurse. If you do not have a physician, you can call Guthrie Cortland Medical Central at (607) 299-7676, Upstate Medical University at (315) 464-3979 or Cayuga's Call Center at (607) 319-5708. If you would like further information on COVID-19, please go to this Cortland County website, <https://www.cortland-co.org/979/COVID-19-FAQ>.

We thank you for your understanding and patience. We will continue to support our students, families, faculty and staff to the best of our ability. Let's all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can stay open.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stone
Marathon CSD Superintendent