

Marathon Central School District

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Dear Marathon Parents and Guardians,

We were advised on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, that a person who was in attendance at Appleby Elementary has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The Cortland County Health Department will be initiating an investigation and will start the contact tracing process. Today, Marathon staff are reaching 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. All students and staff who were directly exposed will be quarantined for the next 10 days and can return to school after those 10 days if they have no symptoms. **At this time, non-quarantined students in grades K-5 will remain in-person. Students in grades 6-12 will remain in their normal hybrid schedule.**

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.

It is important that students and staff who feel sick stay home. 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, Cayuga's Call Center at (607) 319-5708 or Binghamton University's Drive-Thru Site at 1-888-364-3064. If you would like further information on COVID-19, please go to this Cortland County website, <https://www.cortland-co.org/432/Health-Department>.

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