

Marathon Central School District
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Dear Marathon Parents and Guardians,

We were advised on Saturday, October 3rd, that a person who was in attendance in the UPK classroom at Appleby has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We immediately contacted the Cortland County Health Department, which initiated an investigation and the contact tracing process. As part of this process, health department officials are in the process of reaching out to anyone who has had close contact with the individual who tested positive. So you can help alleviate fears of those you may be in contact with or work with, if someone is **not** contacted by the Health Department, this means that the department has determined that he/she was not exposed. **The remaining Appleby classes (K-5th), as well as classes at the Junior/Senior High School (6th-12th), will remain open and proceed as usual.** Students in the UPK classroom along with their teachers will be required to quarantine for 14 days. We hope you understand that we cannot provide any additional information about the person who tested positive due to confidentiality concerns.

We understand that this will put a hardship on our UPK families. We will be reaching out on Monday to determine what technology families will need and will be delivering work as well as meals. Students in the UPK classroom will continue to attend school virtually and not miss instruction. Siblings who are also required to quarantine will be learning remotely. Please reach out to your teachers/building principal to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Please continue to practice and encourage good hand-washing hygiene, wear face masks, and practice social distancing. 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