

Marathon Central School District
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September 17, 2021

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We were advised on Thursday, September 16, 2021, in the late afternoon that a person who is on one of our Marathon buses 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. Marathon staff has already 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. All staff members who were directly exposed will either be quarantined for the next 10 days (and can return to work after those 10 days if they have no symptoms) or will have their vaccination status confirmed. All students who were directly exposed will be quarantined with those same parameters.

The person who tested positive, and any other students/faculty/staff who were exposed and have not been vaccinated, will not return to school until the Cortland County Health Department provides clearance for them to do so. Students and staff who are vaccinated can return to school as long as they are symptom free. Vaccinated persons will be contacted by public health to confirm vaccination status and be given the most up-to-date CDC recommendations for continued well-being. 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. If you 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 principal. 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