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March 31, 2020

Dear MCSC Parents and Guardians:

We have been notified by one of our families that members of the family tested positive for the coronavirus. The family members were tested over 10 days ago and self quarantined.

We continue to take the COVID-19 situation very seriously. We will continue to partner with federal, state and local authorities during this time, and will continue to follow their lead and directives.

We are providing as much information as we are able to share with you. Federal privacy laws prevent District administration from sharing the name or other specifics about the members of the family.

At this juncture, we should not be surprised when presumed positive or positive test results are identified within our community. We assume this will continue to happen, and this is a major reason why schools in Indiana are currently closed and why the Governor issued a "Stay at Home" order one week ago.

We would like to remind everyone at every age that staying home and social distancing is truly important and must be taken seriously in order to prevent further spread of the virus. Going forward, to keep informed about cases in our county, please visit [coronavirus.in.gov](https://www.in.gov/coronavirus).

We ask that everyone in the Merrillville Community School Corporation community remain vigilant and continue to wash your hands, cough into your elbow and maintain a distance of six feet whenever possible.

The Indiana State Department of Health advises the following:

- If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness that continue to worsen, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider.
- Do not walk into a healthcare facility, urgent care clinic or hospital before calling. Calling first will allow medical staff in the office the time to properly protect themselves and other patients.

If you have any COVID-19 questions, call the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center toll-free at 877-826-0011, now available 24/7.

Regards,

Nicholas G. Brown, Ed.S.
Superintendent