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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Through contact tracing, your student has been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 case in the school.

While a 10-day home quarantine is the standard quarantine for all close contacts in the K-12 setting, a subset of students who have lower risk exposures may qualify for alternate quarantine. This includes students who were exposed in the classroom or bus setting. Exposures at home and during extracurricular activities are considered to be higher risk exposures, and students exposed in these settings would not qualify for alternate quarantine. Additionally, if there is an active outbreak or positive case concern in your student's school, your student will not qualify for alternate quarantine.

You will be contacted by the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) by text and email. If you qualify for alternate quarantine, you will be presented with an option to enroll in either the standard quarantine or alternate quarantine option. If you DO NOT qualify for alternate quarantine, you will receive a message with your home quarantine dates and will be required to complete the standard quarantine. **Please have your student stay home until you hear from the Livingston County Health Department. Depending on case volume, you will be notified in the early evening or the next morning.** 

If you select alternate quarantine, you will be required to pick up a rapid antigen kit (2 tests) from the LCHD, test your student for COVID-19, and upload the results prior to your student returning to school. Detailed instructions will be linked within the text message/email that you will receive from the Livingston County Health Department. Do not go to the health department unless you have enrolled in the alternate quarantine program.

As outlined in the instructions, to participate in the alternate quarantine, your student will:

- Need to be free of any symptoms throughout their quarantine period
- Be required to wear a mask and undergo daily testing and symptom checking
- Be compliant with reporting results (will need to be done daily)

\*Please note that if increased cases are detected through the screening program that are related to your student's exposure, your student may be asked to quarantine at home for the remainder of their quarantine.

To learn more about the Livingston County K-12 Quarantine Options, visit: https://bit.ly/38NIskF

You can also watch the Quarantine Informational video: https://bit.ly/3ndzbKS

Respectfully,

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