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Marion Black Knight Community:

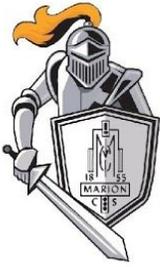
With this latest communication, we would like to update the community on how we plan to share important information regarding the district's COVID-19 status. Our intent is to target our communications to those directly impacted by any new positive cases, without unnecessarily overcommunicating to those not impacted. Any changes to our overall operational status (i.e. building-wide change from in-person to remote) will continue to be shared with all. But, smaller, targeted quarantines and limited changes to operational status, will only be communicated to those directly affected. In our effort to remain transparent, however, we will provide a weekly update on our overall COVID-19 status. It is important to understand that there have been very few positive cases of the virus among our staff and students. Presently, there is very little evidence to suggest the transmission of the virus is happening within school districts. That said, the large number of required quarantines of students and staff for even a few cases, stretches the personnel resources needed by the district to maintain in-person instruction.

This weekend, the District Administrative team was made aware of two additional positive COVID-19 cases in our District. Our Administration Team is currently working with the Wayne County Department of Health (DOH) to ensure we take all necessary steps to support our school community.

As this is a matter of confidentiality and privacy, we are unable to share specifics regarding this matter. However, I want to assure you that we will continue to work collaboratively with the DOH and follow their guidance as we navigate our response to this situation.

As a result of contact tracing the District will take the following actions, in alignment with the Department of Health:

- Select students and staff will be directed to quarantine.
- District staff will contact newly impacted families to communicate required quarantine information and targeted instructional adjustments.



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- Through their contact tracing protocols, the DOH will directly contact any families or staff if additional action is required. If families or staff have not been contacted by the District or the DOH, there are no additional actions required.
- For those not contacted about quarantines or instructional adjustments, the in-person, hybrid instructional model will continue at the Marion Elementary.
- The pause of in-person instruction at the Junior-Senior High School will be extended through Monday, Nov. 30. In-person instruction is expected to resume on Tuesday, Dec. 1. If that date changes, we will notify you as soon as possible.

During this time, we ask our school community to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing hands, practicing social distancing, and avoiding any large gatherings.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your medical provider or the Wayne County Department of Health.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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