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Dear West Irondequoit Families,

Over the long weekend we were informed that a staff member at Iroquois Middle School recently tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, the Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has completed its contact tracing and determined that the staff member contracted the virus outside of school and that no other staff or students are at risk. Since being informed that they had close contact with a known case last weekend, the staff member self-quarantined awaiting the results of their own test.

If the MCDPH did not contact you or your child, there is no risk of exposure. As you know per federal privacy laws, we cannot disclose more details or personally identifiable information about this or other COVID-19 cases.

This latest case is a great example of personal awareness. Each day our students and staff report to school, they complete a health screen that asks key questions such as:

- Do you have a fever of 100 degrees F or higher or chills?
- Do you have any symptoms not typical to you such as a cough, headache, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, diarrhea, muscle aches or shortness of breath?
- Has your sense of taste or smell been impacted?
- In the past 14 days, have you been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you travelled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the NYS Travel Advisory?

Each is a critical question to consider before sending your child(ren) to school. To err on the side of caution, is to consider the well-being of not only your loved ones but also all of our children and staff. With cold and flu season upon us and the weather changing, it is critical that we remain vigilant and stay the course together. Thank you for the ongoing support and extra work you're giving to safeguard our schools. Teaching and learning cannot safely continue as it is without your support!

In partnership,

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools