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Dear Parent/Guardian of [First Name, Last Name],

Please be aware that your child has recently come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Central Racine County Health Department has determined this in collaboration with school personnel. Due to the close exposure to a COVID-19 positive person, it is required that your child quarantine and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days from the last date of contact with the person who has COVID-19 as listed below:

Quarantine start date: xx/xx/xxxx

Quarantine end date: xx/xx/xxxx

*\*Quarantine dates are subject to change if the Health Department receives updates during the investigation.*

Quarantine means that:

- Your child must stay out of the public and stay home.
- Your child must not attend or participate in social gatherings or sports events, including both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Your child does not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Your child does not travel, even within the local community.
- You postpone all non-essential medical appointments for your child until your child is out of quarantine.
- Notify your child's healthcare provider of your child's exposure to COVID-19 to determine how the healthcare provider would like to proceed.

Please review the Wisconsin DHS document "*Next Steps: close contacts of someone with COVID-19*" for information about quarantine and how to monitor for symptoms at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02598a.pdf>. Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, cough, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, body or muscle aches, chills/shivering, sore throat, and headache.

If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 please do the following:

- Continue to keep your child isolated from others.
- Have your child tested, but please call your doctor ahead of time.
- Please also notify Central Racine County Health Department at 262-898-4460.
- Please notify your child's school.
- If you are having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

Central Racine County Health Department recommends that you have your child tested approximately 5 days after they have been identified as a close contact even if your child does not have symptoms. Sometimes people become infected with COVID-19 and do not show any symptoms, and a test would help identify if that is the case. A negative test result does not mean that your child will not develop symptoms or become sick after the test, it simply means that your child did not have COVID-19 detected at the time of testing.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please call your school or contact Central Racine County Health Department at 262-898-4460 and ask for a school liaison.