

September 12, 2021

Dear Carlos Rosario Community,

We have learned that an individual who was recently at our Harvard Street Campus has tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. As a result, we are letting you know as much as we can while protecting individual privacy.

The individual who tested positive is quarantining and is doing well. We wish them a safe recovery and are thinking about them and all members of our School community as we continue to endure the global pandemic.

Thankfully, a very limited number of school community members came in close contact with the individual during their visit to the Harvard Street Campus last Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9. (Under CDC and DC Health guidelines, close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet away for 15 minutes or longer cumulatively within a 24-hour period.)

In coordination with OSSE and DC Health, we have formally notified by letter anyone who was in close contact with the individual. If you did not receive a letter, you have not been identified as a close contact. We are also following DC Health guidance on cleaning and disinfection of the school regularly and following an instance of COVID-19 on campus.

For your information, we want to make you all aware of current guidance for individuals who have been in close contact with someone that tests positive and/or experiences symptoms:

- The current guidance for everyone during the pandemic: Always self-monitor for any symptoms and consult your healthcare provider should you have any questions especially if you are a high-risk individual. If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms, they should stay home, consult with their healthcare provider, and tell their supervisor or Human Resources as soon as possible.
- For vaccinated individuals who were in close contact with a COVID-positive individual, they are free to continue their normal activities including work so long as they remain free of symptoms.
- For unvaccinated individuals who were in close contact and have no symptoms: They must stay at home and quarantine for at least 10 days after exposure. Even after ending quarantine, DC Health recommends they continue to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure, and to continue to quarantine until that date if they are able.
- For anyone who experiences symptoms (whether or not they are already vaccinated), they must:
 - Contact healthcare provider.
 - Stay home and quarantine for:

- At least 24 hours after the fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g. Motrin, Tylenol) and symptoms have improved; AND
- At least 10 days after symptoms first appeared, whichever is later. (DC Health indicates that some individuals may have a longer quarantine period per DC Health or their healthcare provider.)
- Isolate as much as you can from others in your household.

CCC arranged for a cleaning contractor to do a deep clean of the areas used by the positive individual. This work was completed over the weekend. We are in communication with OSSE and DC Health to determine if there are any other appropriate step to take. We will let you know if we have additional information to share with you.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about some of the safety measures we have in place to protect our school community from the COVID-19 virus:

- We continue to require everyone to wear face masks on campus and to maintain 6-foot social distancing.
- You should be maintaining 6-foot distance from others to the greatest extent possible. *If your work requires to be closer than 6 feet* more than momentarily, please let the on-duty Officer in Charge or the School COVID Points of Contact Alice-Ann Beachy and Kristine Dunne know so that they can provide you with additional protective equipment, such as a face shield or plexiglass barrier. There are also tools for faculty, such as pointers to help when communicating with students from a distance.
- We are finalizing plans for asymptomatic testing on campus for the fall semester as well – stay tuned for more news to come on that.
- We are moving forward with plans for requiring all employees to be vaccinated, except those with medical and religious exemptions.
- We continue to closely monitor the DC government to ensure that we follow the latest guidance for protecting our community members from COVID-19 while at the school.
- For more information on the School's health and safety protocols, the School's Continuous Education Plan – including health & safety – is available on our website and DC Health guidance is available at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>. Please contact the School COVID Points of Contact if you would like more information or if you have any questions.

It continues to be a challenging time with the global pandemic. I wrote you last month on August 20th about another positive case in campus buildings – our first as a school. Thankfully there was no spread of the virus within the school community from that case, and we are hopeful this time as well. It is critically important that we keep following our health & safety protocols – we are not done with the virus yet!

Finally, we are here to support our students, employees, and broader School community through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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cc: Alice-Ann Beachy & Kristine Dunne, School COVID Points of Contact