

October 13, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

This letter is to inform you that an individual who was last present at Carlos Rosario's Harvard Street Campus on October 7, 2021 has since reported a positive test for coronavirus (COVID-19). The individual is no longer on campus and will not return until completing the necessary isolation period.

As determined by the OSSE Contact Tracing team, DC Health, and in accordance with the district's COVID-19 health and safety guidance, unless you have received instructions directly, you have not been identified as a close contact of the positive individual and do not need to be tested or self-quarantine.

There were no individuals identified as close contacts in this instance. Ordinarily, persons for whom we know were in close contact with the positive individual are notified and provided guidance on next steps, including how any students impacted would receive instruction during quarantine.

For your awareness, DC Health defines a close contact in a school setting as, "Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period, starting from two days before illness onset (or for asymptomatic infected people, two days prior to positive test collection) until the time the infected person is isolated."

Our School has implemented layered mitigation measures at our school buildings, including 6-ft distancing to the greatest extent possible, universal face masking, hand hygiene, and completing daily health screening before entering campus buildings. Additionally, upon notification of a positive case, and out of an abundance of caution, the affected areas are cleaned and disinfected.

We all play a role in protecting ourselves, our family, and our school community from COVID-19. That is why we encourage everyone to take everyday steps to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community safe.

- Regardless of your vaccination status, if you are waiting for a COVID-19 test result that was taken after symptoms, please stay at home until you receive a negative test result.
- If you are unvaccinated and are exposed to someone who is confirmed COVID-positive, please stay home and quarantine, notify the school immediately, and contact your healthcare provider.
- If you receive a positive test result OR are experiencing COVID-related symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath — please stay at home and isolate from others in your household, notify the school immediately, and contact your healthcare provider.

- We highly encourage our students to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit vaccinate.dc.gov to get started and find a free school clinic near you.

We will continue to keep you informed about our health and safety measures and work together to ensure we have a strong, robust, and safe school year.

Sincerely,
Allison