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Dear Carlos Rosario Community,

We have learned that there was an individual at the Harvard Street Campus on Tuesday May 24, 2022, during their infectious period who has tested positive for COVID-19 coronavirus.

We are letting you know as much as we can while protecting individual privacy. The individual who tested positive is isolating. 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.

Everyone who came in close contact with the individual during their time on campus has been notified (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).

We are following DC Health guidance on cleaning and disinfection regularly and following any instance of COVID-19 on campus.

We are communicating with DC Health to determine if there are any other appropriate steps to be taken. We will let you know if we have additional information to share with you.

Please see attached sheet with reminders on School health and safety protocols, and COVID-19 School data for more information including results on ongoing weekly on-campus student testing.

Even though we are beyond the surge in DC, it is important to remain vigilant and follow our School safety measures including masking, distancing, and hand hygiene. We are currently evaluating the latest OSSE and DC Health guidance and will let the School community know if there are any changes to our COVID protocols. Until then, please continue to follow all existing safety protocols.

Sincerely,

Alice-Ann Beachy
Interim Principal, Harvard Street Campus & Sonia Gutierrez Campus

cc: Carmen Ramirez, School COVID Point of Contact

Update on School vaccinations & on-campus asymptomatic testing of students:	
We wanted to take the time to share with you how we are doing:	
1. Employee vaccination rate:	94%
2. Employee vaccination or approved exemption rate:[1]	100%
3. Student vaccination rate *(based on student self-reporting in November; School now will be asking all students to submit proof of vaccination, which will be used to update student vaccination rate)*:[2]	84%
4. On-campus asymptomatic testing:[3]	3,167 saliva-based PCR tests conducted Of those: 19 positive tests, 1 inconclusive tests[4]
5. # COVID cases on each campus reported to the School in last 14 days:[5]	22 reported case[6]
6. Subset of those cases where people were on-campus in school buildings during their infectious period (i.e., 48 hours before symptoms or positive test) in last 14 days:	Of the 8 reported case (2 at SG; 6 at Harvard)
7. School Antigen Home Test Kit Distribution (positive cases are also counted above in total number of reported positive cases)	(None during this time period.)

School Health & Safety Measures – at all times on campus:
Reminder about some of the safety measures we have in place to protect our school community from the COVID-19 virus:

- **Face Masks:** We continue to require everyone to wear face masks on campus and to maintain 6-feet social distancing. Please do your part to maintain distances especially

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[1] The employee vaccination rate data includes all current active employees (not including inactive employees or employees on extended leave).

[2] The student vaccination rate is based on self-reporting of students visiting campus at any time in the month of November. We are now going to collect student proof of vaccination through BenefitsApp. We are currently piloting this collection system and plan to launch this spring as we move towards requiring student vaccination for COVID-19 starting beginning of Fall 2022 Semester.

[3] This reflects on-campus testing of students since start of Spring 2022 Semester for those attending in-person and hybrid classes on campus. Our on-campus asymptomatic testing program is for weekly testing of students attending classes in-person or hybrid, with an aim of at least 20% students being tested per week. This testing is required by DC law and funded through an OSSE grant.

[4] Individuals who receive inconclusive test results are asked to retest and share test results with the School.

[5] The total # of COVID cases reported in last 14 days includes all School community members who inform the School of their COVID positive status. This may include, for example, employees or students who are fully virtual at this time and have not been to campus in weeks or months.

[6] This may include positives cases from student on-campus weekly testing.

when eating or drinking. Please also make sure to wear your mask properly – this includes having it fit snugly over your face and nose.

- **Physical Distancing:** If your work requires you to be closer than **6 feet** from others more than momentarily, please let the on-duty Officer in Charge or the School COVID Points of Contact Carmen Ramirez know so that she can provide you with additional protective equipment, such as a face shield or plexiglass barrier.
- **Hand hygiene:** Reminder to frequently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer, especially when touching high-touch surfaces.
- **If you feel sick,** do not come to campus. **If you begin to feel sick while on campus,** please leave immediately. This is important to keep everyone safe as the pandemic continues.
- **Report to HR or School COVID Points of Contact** about COVID positive cases or symptoms. Unvaccinated individuals must also quarantine for 10 days following travel or exposure to positive individuals.
- 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 here 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. We also want to remind everyone that we all play a role in maintaining a safe school environment – keep up the great work!

Current Guidance for Individuals in Close Contact with Individual who tests Positive and/or is Symptomatic:

In the event that there are Close Contacts identified in the School community, here is the current guidance for Close Contacts:

- 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.

- *UPDATED:* For individuals who are fully vaccinated **and up-to-date on their booster** and 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.

- *UPDATED:* For unvaccinated individuals and **individuals who are not up-to-date on their booster** and 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:

- o Contact healthcare provider.
- o 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.)