

September 15, 2020

Dear Princeton Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

On September 15, 2020, the Princeton City School District was notified that one of our Princeton Community Middle School (PCMS) students has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

**The student was last on campus on September 4, 2020.** The onset of symptoms occurred during their remote-learning week. The symptoms presented on September 10. There has been **no exposure** at the school building.

The Hamilton County Health Department has been notified and will contact anyone who needs to quarantine due to close contact.

COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to take the following preventive measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some situations, the virus can develop into pneumonia.

Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Parents of students exhibiting flu-like symptoms or staff exhibiting flu-like symptoms are asked to contact the Hamilton County or Springdale Health Department.

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates, as needed. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 513-864-1000 or [tburton@vikingmail.org](mailto:tburton@vikingmail.org).

Respectfully,



Tom Burton  
Superintendent

