A message from MONROE TWP

Dear Monroe Community,

Please see important information below.

We were informed today of a possible exposure to COVID-19. A student was identified with symptoms and is awaiting test results. The student was in school on Tuesday, 12/1. To maintain safety for all, we will be moving Mill Lake School to full remote status for 14 days beginning tomorrow, 12/3. All classes will be taught virtually for 14 days. Schools will reopen on December 16 for hybrid students.

We were also notified today of a staff member testing positive at the HS. The staff member has not been in the building since 11/25 so no close contacts were identified.

Information on quarantine procedures:

If anyone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness or symptoms, all students and staff within that household must stay home and quarantine for 14 days after the last contact with that person. The ill person must isolate for 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and avoid contact with all members of the household, including siblings. These restrictions also apply to those that are ill/ having symptoms that chose not to be tested.

Anyone that has been determined to be a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, or someone that has symptoms of COVID-19, must quarantine for 14 days after the last contact with the person that tested positive or shows symptoms.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 after a known exposure must isolate at home for 10 days after the test date even if they do not have symptoms. Anyone who tests positive after having symptoms must isolate for 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

The incubation period between exposure and symptoms/positive test result is variable and may be up to 14 days. Therefore, the quarantine periods will be in effect regardless of any test results.
If you plan to, or have, traveled out of state you will likely need to quarantine for 14 days upon your return. Please check with your school nurse before returning to school.

This quarantine may seem excessive, however, out of an abundance of caution we are exceeding the minimum requirements of the latest NJ DOH guidelines.

We understand that this information can be confusing and changes rapidly. If you have questions about your specific situation, please reach out to your school nurse.

Our system will only work if we are committed to continuing safe practices. This means wear a mask, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, maintain social distancing when possible, monitor your own and your family’s health, if your child is in the Hybrid Learning Model DO NOT send them to school, in person, if anyone in the family unit is ill or symptomatic of COVID or the flu, and of course, rapid self-reporting so we can initiate immediate contact tracing and quarantining.

Thank you.