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Dear Parents & Guardians of Our LVMS Community:

We are writing to you today to inform you that the District learned today that an individual who was recently present at the Long Valley Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. We express heartfelt thoughts and well wishes to that individual. It is important to note that the District has been in close contact with public health officials throughout today and is following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our LVMS community.

During the school reopening period, our first priority is to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within our immediate and greater communities. As a result, following consultation with the local board of health and the school district physician, the **Long Valley Middle School will be closed through this Friday, September 18, 2020.** This action is being taken out of an abundance of caution and will enable the local board of health to closely monitor all possible contacts through contact tracing while mitigating any potential spread within the school setting. Children, faculty, and teacher aides will engage in teaching and learning remotely throughout the course of this week. If you have been identified as a "contact" of the affected individual, an official from the Washington Township Board of Health will reach out to you directly.

At this moment, we are preparing to resume our 2-Day Rotating Schedule (including Virtual Mondays) beginning next week. As we learn more about the situation at hand, we will communicate directly with you, our parents and colleagues. Most certainly, a second communication will be forthcoming later on this week.

We understand the concerns and emotions that stem from this pandemic. Indeed, our planning and protocols have been established to act quickly in the event of a possible confirmed case of COVID-19. The mechanisms we developed have enabled us to respond promptly and to offer protection for our students, their families, and our school family.

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can greatly assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact us. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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RESOURCES

- a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:
https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>;
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
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