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Dear Families and Staff of Ida B Wells High School,

We have been notified that an individual at Ida B Wells High School has tested positive for COVID-19. We are working closely with the Multnomah County Health Department and Multnomah Education Service District on how to best keep those that may have had contact with this person safe. [As part of a general response](#) to keep everyone in the cohort safe and to protect the health of our community, **we are suspending in-person learning & activities for exposed individuals.**

Please note that if you are NOT separately notified that your student needs to quarantine, they are able to continue attending onsite activities at this time.

Each COVID-19 exposure situation is unique and may need a different response. In this case, the district is taking the following steps:

1. Confirming the report of the positive case of COVID-19 with the Multnomah County Health Department.
2. Sending a **separate notification** to all exposed cohorts and asking them to quarantine at home for 10 days to watch for any symptoms. This may include students and staff in the exposed classroom cohorts, bus routes, and activity/athletic groups.
3. Carefully following the mandated guidelines for reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the school setting, including daily cleaning and disinfection requirements from [Oregon's return to school guidance](#).
4. The names of students and staff who report a COVID-19 event or illness to the school will be kept confidential. We ask that you please respect the privacy of anyone impacted by COVID-19.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the best ways to [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#) are to stay home when sick, wear a close-fitting, multi-layered face mask, practice physically distancing, and practice good health-hygiene habits. These include washing your hands frequently with soap and water, covering your coughs and sneezes, and avoiding contact with people who have signs of illness. Wearing a face mask reduces the spread of respiratory virus, but masks are *not* a substitute for physical distancing. Individuals should maintain at least 6 feet of distance from people outside of their household even when wearing face masks. It's also important that you **notify the school** if your student develops [symptoms of COVID-19](#) or if your student or a household member receives a positive COVID-19 test result. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with the school office.

If you have health related questions, please contact your school nurse, your healthcare provider, your [local health department](#), or check the [CDC website](#).

Sincerely,

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