

September 8, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian and Staff,

This letter is to inform you that several individuals in our school have tested positive for COVID-19 today, 9/8/2023, and your child may have been exposed on 9/6/23 and 9/7/2023. In addition to a number of students with COVID-19, today, seven (7) school staff reported positive tests overnight. As a precaution, and in conjunction with the local Department of Health, The Matheny School will conduct classes virtually from 9-11-22 through 9-15-22. Students shall return to in-person instruction on 9-18-22.

**ACTIONS TO TAKE:** We encourage you to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19 in your child for the next ten (10) days. If your child develops any symptom of COVID-19, please notify the school nurse, your child's doctor for evaluation and/or testing, and keep your child home from school.

Symptoms could include any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees F/38 degrees C or higher
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- New taste or smell disorder
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache

Students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, who are identified as \*close contacts, or who may have been exposed, may continue to attend school/ECE **as long as they remain symptom free and wear a mask while at school for 10 days following exposure, per CDC recommendations.** Testing is strongly encouraged five (5) days after the potential exposure date. Please feel free to contact the school nurses with all questions and concerns.

Thank you,



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\*Close Contact: A close contact is generally defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive case for 15 cumulative minutes or more over a 24-hour period of time during the case's infectious period.