



DELPHI COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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When we reopened school, we knew that we would have situations in which students and adults would be exposed to COVID cases. We didn't expect this to happen this soon. We have discovered that neighboring schools are facing the same challenges.

Parents have reported testing positive and we have acted quickly to identify the students and adults who had "close contact" (within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with children of the families who have positive tests. We do contact tracing for buses, lunchroom, and classrooms. These students must go into quarantine and parents will receive a letter with specific next steps from the school. As inconvenient as it is for families and students, this is dictated by the Indiana State Board of Health.

We have had two bus situations with positive cases but determined in both cases that no direct exposure occurred due to the combination of social distancing, facing away from all other bus riders, and having a mask on at all times.

Parents have expressed some frustration because they did not receive specific information on these situations but we face a major challenge due to HIPPA laws that protect adults and students regarding their medical information. We are trying to navigate between no information and violating these laws. If you are not directly contacted by the school, your child did not have any close contact with an infected person.

Thank you for sending your children to school. Please monitor your health and the health of your children. If any person in your family shows symptoms of COVID, please keep your children home until you have negative test results. If any family members are being tested, keep your children at home. Please don't put others at risk.

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