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Dear Merritt Academy Family,

To keep you all informed, we are sharing the following information with all of our families. We have learned that a high school student has tested positive for COVID-19.

We have worked closely with the Macomb County Health Department to complete contact tracing and our school is following their guidelines and protocols. The guidelines require an individual that is exposed (less than 6ft for greater than 15 minutes) to a person with COVID-19 to self-quarantine at home for 14 days. In this specific case, the students and teachers will be able to return to school on October 22, 2020 as long as they do not have any COVID-19 symptoms. If you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of the administration team.

If you are one of the students who has been exposed you will receive communication from administration with further details.

Michigan schools are working hard to maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education. Should you have questions or concerns about this information, please contact your school. Wearing a mask (covering mouth and nose), social distancing (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart), frequent handwashing (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol), and following [capacity restrictions of social gatherings](#) are some of the most effective ways to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you, or someone close to you, are sick or have symptoms, you can [get tested](#).

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