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Dear Red Hook Central School District Community:

I am writing to update you regarding the notification we received on Wednesday of a positive COVID-19 result for students at Red Hook High School, Linden Avenue Middle School and Mill Road Intermediate School. The individuals who tested positive are isolated, and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identity or condition cannot be released.

We continue to work collaboratively with the Dutchess County Department of Health on contact tracing, and health and safety protocols. We have spoken to all students and staff who were in contact with the individuals who tested positive. The required information has been shared with the Dutchess County Department of Health. Parents/Guardians should expect a call from a contact tracer with the caller ID of "New York State Contact Tracing" and/or a phone number with a '518' area code. Please promptly answer these calls and provide the contact tracers with the information that they need. All identities and personal information will be kept confidential, and providing this information will protect everyone.

The quarantine period differs for each school building the students were in. For the affected students and staff, the date to return to school was specified. If your child was exposed, you would have been contacted by school personnel. **ALL students will resume their hybrid schedule on Monday, November 16, UNLESS their parents/guardians were contacted by school personnel.** On Monday, the district's Health Screener form will change. The new form has **four questions** that align with the updated protocols for school districts issued by the health and state education departments.

As a reminder, symptoms of COVID-19 include one or more of the following:

fever or chills;	shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
scratchy or sore throat;	nausea or vomiting; headache;
diarrhea;	new loss of taste or smell;
cough;	muscle or body aches.

Anyone experiencing any of these symptoms should stay home from work or school and contact their healthcare provider.

In the event you are unable to see your child's healthcare provider, or your child does not have a healthcare provider, Pulse MD Urgent Care, located at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY, is working with Red Hook Schools to schedule appointments for virtual visits with one of their healthcare providers. Pulse MD providers will determine if your child will need COVID-19 testing during that virtual visit. The phone number for Pulse MD Urgent Care is (845) 243-7100.

Please check with your health insurance company with questions about coverage for testing costs. If your child does not have health insurance, please contact your student's school nurse to determine if the school district can assist you with paying for the test.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the building administrator(s) at your student(s)' school.

Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

Respectfully,

Janet Warden
Superintendent