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Dear Red Hook Central School District Community:

Today the Red Hook Central School District received notification of a positive COVID-19 result for a student at the Red Hook High School, Linden Avenue Middle School and Mill Road Intermediate School. As a result, the individuals who tested positive are currently isolated, and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their Identity or condition cannot be released. We are working collaboratively with the Dutchess County Department of Health, and as always, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

The whole district (Pre-K-12) will pivot to remote learning for Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 out of abundance of caution and time for administration to conduct contact tracing.

Any students and staff who were exposed to the individual will be contacted separately by Administration. Those exposed to this individual will be mandated to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure date.

Parents/Guardians may receive a call from a contact tracer. For such calls, your caller ID may read New York State Contact Tracing or have a phone number with a '518' area code. Please promptly answer these calls. Please 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.

Please know that we are doing everything within our ability to maintain a safe school environment. We are working closely with the Department of Health to manage this specific situation. As a reminder, symptoms of COVID-19 include one or more of the following below:

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| *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 | |

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, stay home from work or school and contact your 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 enable the school district to book an appointment for your child for a virtual visit with one of their healthcare providers who will then determine if your child will need COVID-19 testing. Please check with your health insurance company prior to testing to be sure all costs are covered. If your child is not covered by health insurance, please discuss with the school nurse about how the school can aid with payment. The phone number for Pulse MD Urgent Care is (845) 243-7100. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office of your child's school.

Thank you for your support during these challenging times.

Respectfully,

Janet Warden
Superintendent