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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that your child has been identified as a **close contact** of a laboratory- confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that occurred at Mount Olive Middle School. A close contact is 15 minutes or more of close contact (within 6 feet) to an infected person during a 24-hour period in which the infected person is infectious. The 15 minutes is cumulative.

Due to this exposure, your child will need to be kept home from school. The school nurse will be in contact, in regards to length of quarantine. We ask that you be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your child through that date. Symptoms can include but are not limited to fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Not everyone will get all these symptoms.

The Mount Olive Township Health Department will also be in touch with additional information. If you believe your child may have COVID-19, contact his or her primary care doctor for directions. Most people who are mildly or moderately ill with COVID-19 will be able to safely recover at home.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

We appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. To learn more, visit the <u>MOTSD COVID-19 dashboard</u> located on the <u>MOTSD Reentry Plan Site</u>.

Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Dr. Susan Breton, Director at susan.breton@motsd.org or the Mount Olive Health Department at 973-691-0900. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Zywicki, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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