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Dear DeRuyter Community:

I hope this letter finds you well and healthy. The County Health Department has just finalized their contact tracing. Since yesterday, we have been made aware of a second student who is positive with the COVID-19 virus bringing our school community cases to 2. The County just made its last phone calls so if you did not get a phone call from the County Health Department, your child is clear to return to school when we return to in-person instruction on Wednesday. There are 14 students and one teacher who are being asked to quarantine by the Madison County Health Department. This is the result of investigations from both of the high school students.

Our plan is to continue with remote instruction for Monday and Tuesday. We will *physically* return to in-person instruction for Pre-K through 12th grade on Wednesday November 4th, 2020. Students in our BOCES programs will also be remote tomorrow, Monday, and off Tuesday due to a BOCES Professional Development Day.

We wish our students and families who are affected a speedy and full recovery and further hope all who are quarantined remain free of the virus. This can be a very stressful time and filled with uncertainty. If you have any questions about the tracing, or any other aspects of this situation, you are free to call the Madison County Department of Health at (315) 366-2361 or myself at 315-852-3400 x. 7410.

The following link has a list of testing sites and times for your information. If you are interested in other county testing sites, you can look on their health department websites. <u>https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2589/COVID-19-Testing</u>

Like I said yesterday, our first cases can be unsettling, but let's continue to work together to stay healthy and ROCKET STRONG!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brown

Dr. David M. Brown Superintendent of Schools