



DeRuyter Central School

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Dear 5th Grade Families,

Late this morning Cortland County Department of Health (CCDOH) officials informed the District that one of our staff members in the 5th grade community has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member was asymptomatic and did not report to school as soon as test results were received. As I am sure you understand, privacy laws and respectful confidentiality prohibit the District from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information.

The District is working collaboratively with the CCDOH in their investigation. As such, all students and staff deemed to be close contacts have been contacted by the District and notified of likely quarantine procedures while they await further contact from the CCDOH. Based on the information shared during the investigation CCDOH officials do not believe that quarantine orders will impact more than the one class of 5th grade students at this time and three staff members (including the positive staff member). Information about quarantine and isolation orders can be found at <https://www.cortland-co.org/988/IsolationQuarantine-Requirements-Instruc>.

I know the timing of this event is not ideal and I sincerely thank you for your support and understanding. Should you have particular questions or concerns, you may wish to contact the Cortland County DOH at (607) 753-5036 or Jenny Valente at (315) 852-3400 x7122.

Sincerely,

Jenny Valente
PK-5 Principal/Director of Special Education

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