



# DeRuyter Central School

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Dear DeRuyter Community:

Today, we were informed that a DeRuyter Middle School/High School student tested positive for COVID-19. As I am sure you understand, privacy laws and confidentiality prohibit the District from disclosing or confirming any identifiable information. The District is working collaboratively with the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH) in their investigation, which is on-going. The Madison County Department of Health has asked that we reach out to all close contacts and advise them on the need to quarantine or be tested. If you are not contacted by the district sometime today, you are not deemed a close contact. Mr. Rafferty has been calling students and staff all day so you should have heard from him or you would have a message saying to contact him. Mrs. Valente also made some calls about exposure on the bus. Again, if you did not hear from us today, you are not being quarantined. If anything changes we will update you by phone or school messenger.

The student who tested positive and any other DCS community members who have been exposed (all of whom have our collective well wishes for health and wellness) will not return to school until the end of their quarantine which is dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Should you have particular questions or concerns, you may contact me at 315-852-3400 x. 7410.

At this point we have not decided on our return to in-person instruction and will update everyone early next week.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Brown*

Dr. David M. Brown  
Superintendent of Schools