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Superintendent

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

This afternoon the district was notified by the Washington County Health Department that two individuals in the Salem Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals who tested positive were last in the school building on Monday, November 30, and Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

Both individuals are now in quarantine and will have to be cleared by the Washington County Department of Health before returning to school. Please note that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other privacy laws restrict us from disclosing or confirming any personally identifiable information. We cannot identify anyone who has tested positive.

The district is assisting the Washington County Department of Health with contact tracing efforts using logs and attendance records. If your child was in close proximity to each of these individuals for a certain period of time, the Washington County Department of Health will contact you directly by telephone.

Under the guidance of the Washington County Department of Health, beginning the week of Monday, December 7, the Salem Elementary School will transition to 100% remote learning for all of the next school week. Elementary students are scheduled to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. During this time the district will provide meals to all students/families requesting them. They will only be delivered to those required to quarantine. Those not required to quarantine should also contact Food Services Manager, Wendy Cary at 518-854-6040 or wcary@salemcasd.org to coordinate a one-time pick-up of a week's worth of meals.

Parents and guardians of students who need electronic devices should contact Elementary Principal Karen Vieira at 518-854-9505 or kvieira@salemcasd.org.

Please note, the 100% learning schedule is for Elementary School students only. The Jr./Sr. High School students will continue their hybrid learning schedules.

The district has been following all the proper protocols for daily temperature checks, physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing, but as an added measure of precaution, please monitor your child(ren) for any symptoms of COVID, [which can be found on the CDC website.](#)

If you would like information about testing procedures, please call Washington County Public Health at (518) 747-7520.

Sincerely,
David J. Glover, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools