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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

This afternoon the district was notified by the Washington County Health Department that an individual in the Salem Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. The individual who tested positive was last in the school building on Monday, December 7, 2020.

The individual is 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 this individual for a certain period of time, the Washington County Department of Health will contact you directly by telephone.

This new positive case does not change or impact the current learning plan, as elementary students are currently learning 100% remotely this week and are scheduled to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The District will update with any changes if they are needed.

As a reminder, the district is providing meals during this time. Parents and guardians of students who are required to quarantine should contact Food Services Manager, Wendy Cary at 518-854-6040 or wcary@salemcsd.org to coordinate meal delivery. Those not required to quarantine can still receive meals and should also contact Wendy Cary. However, those meals will need to be picked up (need location and hours).

Please note, the 100% remote 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