



# Kickemuit Middle School

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To Staff at Kickemuit Middle School,

On October 1, 2020 the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) was notified that an individual at Kickemuit Middle School tested positive for COVID-19. Staff have been working closely with RIDOH's COVID-19 Unit to determine who had close contact with the person who tested positive. A close contact is defined as a person(s) who was within 6 feet of an infected person (with or without a mask) for at least 15 minutes, or having close contact with another person with confirmed COVID-19 during the infectious period (i.e. an infected person coughs in another person's face).

**If you met the definition of a close contact, you would have been contacted by a RIDOH Case Investigator today. RIDOH has identified and spoken with the close contacts of the positive case and implemented actions based on their guidance.** In these instances staff should continue their normal routines unless contacted by RIDOH and informed that they are a close contact. If contacted, please share this information with your principal Dennis Morrell, and Chief Operating Officer Tina Fogell. **RIDOH will advise all close contacts on next steps regarding testing or quarantine.**

Please continue to self-monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19, as you have been doing throughout this pandemic. The symptoms of COVID-19 can include a cough, fever and chills, muscle and body aches, headache, runny nose or stuffy nose, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and recent loss of taste or smell. If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms, contact your healthcare provider and call the K12 COVID Test Scheduling Service at 844-857-1814 in order to schedule a test. However, please note that **you will still be required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of the result of the test. In accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and RIDOH, you cannot test out of quarantine as the incubation period of COVID-19 is 2-14 days.** If you do decide to schedule a test, we recommend testing toward the end of the quarantine period (~Day 10).

Should you have any questions, please contact Principal Dennis Morrell at 401-245-2010, ext 2004.

For additional information about COVID-19, visit: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>.

Sincerely,

  
Mr. Dennis Morrell, Principal

Cc: Dr. Jonathan Brice , Superintendent, BWRSD

Erin Welchman, School Nurse