

October 9, 2020

Dear Staff, Parents and Families,

We have learned that one of our staff members has tested positive for COVID-19.

This individual was last present at Duzine Elementary School on October 2nd. At the time, the individual was free of any symptoms and wearing a mask as per the District protocol, and social distancing standards were followed. Our staff member was able to provide us with an account of the areas in the building they were in, along with the names of the individuals that they had contact with.

The facility has already undergone extensive cleaning per our current heightened cleaning protocols. Given this discovery, however, additional care will be given to further ensure these locations have been thoroughly sanitized.

The Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH) was notified and will handle any contact tracing necessary. UCDOH will contact you directly should it be determined that you had any risk of exposure.

I want to emphasize the importance of not coming to any of our District locations if you exhibit any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please also remain home if you have been in contact with anyone who:

- has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days.
- is suspected of having COVID-19.
- is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

Thankfully, our colleague is only experiencing minor symptoms. I ask you to please join me in wishing this individual a speedy recovery.