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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past week, the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) has identified five (5) student/staff persons at Richmond High School who have confirmed cases of COVID-19. The MCHD and Richmond Community Schools are working closely to identify persons who may have been exposed. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will receive a telephone call from building administration and a separate communication from a health department staff member.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). Illness begins 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed. The symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, and abdominal pain.

It is extremely important that parents/guardians monitor their children closely and complete at-home screening each day, including a temperature check, prior to sending their child to school. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS EXHIBITING ANY SYMPTOMS AND KEEP THEM HOME UNTIL YOU CAN SEE YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.**

In addition, recent guidance received from the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) states that individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 OR have received the COVID-19 vaccination AND have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, must be quarantined. The MCHD is expecting updated guidelines from the CDC. When these are received, the District will follow the guidelines from the Macomb County Health Department.

Since the start of the school year, **485 students and/or staff persons have been impacted by confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and 43 students and/or staff persons have been identified as confirmed (or probable) COVID-19 cases.** If you have questions, feel free to contact us here at school or visit the District's website, www.richmond.k12.mi.us, for more information. Additionally, you may contact the

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Macomb County Health Department Communicable Disease Program at (586) 783-8190 or visit their website, <https://hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-Home>.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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