

To: Staff, Students, Parents, and the Public
From: Bill Strom, Superintendent
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Re: Positive COVID-19 Case & MLPS

Mountain Lake Public School is continuing its work to respond to challenges we all face as COVID-19 spreads. Today, the district was informed that an employee of ours tested positive for COVID-19. When informed, we immediately contacted public health officials. They investigated the matter, advised us, and drafted a response.

Please carefully read the following page from Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services.

We believe the path forward in this, and future cases like it, will be to continue to:

- a) share information with the experts
- b) let public health lead the investigation, and
- c) follow their recommendations

We are all working together . . . for the good of all. Finally, our blessings, prayers and best thoughts go out to our employee and family.



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Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services (DVHHS) Public Health was notified on April 21, 2020 by the Mountain Lake Public Schools School District that an employee of Mountain Lake Public Schools tested positive for Covid-19. The staff person developed symptoms on the morning of 4/20/2020 and was tested later that day and received a positive result on 4/21/2020.

Mountain Lake Public Schools and Public Health had a phone conference the afternoon of 4/21/2020 to discuss actions moving forward. Using guidelines from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC), Public Health and school administration reviewed who had close contact with this positive case.

Current guidance based on community exposure, for asymptomatic persons exposed to persons with known or suspected Covid-19 or possible Covid-19 is defined **as any household members, intimate partners, individuals providing care in a household, and individuals who have had close contact (less than 6 feet for a prolonged period of time: greater than 10 minutes)**. Reviewing the guidelines Public Health and school administration recounted the *previous 48 hours* from the individual's symptom onset.

For this particular case we looked back until Saturday morning 4/18/2020. Using this guidance from MDH and CDC no one at/within the Mountain Lake Public Schools is classified at a higher risk. Even though risk is low, staff should continue to be alert for symptoms, monitor temperature, practice social distancing, and stay home when ill.

The link for "Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure" is linked below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

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