November 11, 2021

Dear Ardmore Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Ardmore Elementary has tested positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy guidelines, we cannot share additional information about the individual who tested positive.

Anyone determined to have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will receive further notification. Close Contact is defined as anyone who was within 3 feet or less in the classroom and within 6 feet or less in all areas outside the classroom, including cafeteria, hallways, bus etc. for greater than 15 minutes or more **regardless of mask use.**

We will follow guidance from the Prince George’s County Health Department as needed to protect the safety and well-being of all students and staff. Individuals who have tested positive will not be allowed to return to school/work until cleared by a healthcare provider.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include **any ONE** of the following: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever or chills, muscle or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell. For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline. We encourage you to seek advice from a healthcare professional if you have concerns about potential exposure to COVID-19. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact the Prince George’s County Health Department at 301-883-6627 or go online to find more information on free, county-run test sites.

We will continue to monitor the situation and the Prince George’s County Health Department will notify you with any updates. Please continue to conduct symptom screenings daily before coming to school. Do not enter any PGCPS buildings if you feel ill. Please inform the School Nurse or Principal if you or your child have symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to anyone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melreta Herring, Principal