



September 17, 2021

Dear Mary Harris Mother Jones Elementary community,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Mary Harris Mother Jones Elementary has tested positive for COVID-19.

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 being within six feet for 15 minutes or more. In line with our protocol, we have closed off the areas used by the individual until the identified areas can be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We will follow additional 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. Due to privacy guidelines, we cannot share additional information about the individual who tested positive. Fully vaccinated individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 and test positive for COVID-19 must **isolate for 10 days** and may return to the school building **on day 11**, unless otherwise directed by Prince George's County Health Department. Fully vaccinated individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 and test negative for COVID-19 may return when symptoms have resolved and applicable criteria in the Communicable Diseases Summary have been met.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include any ONE of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting, new onset of severe headache (especially with fever), new loss of taste or new loss of 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 daily temperature checks and 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,

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