Dear Families,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member or student at Rosa L. Parks ES has tested positive for COVID-19.

If your child had close contact with the individual, you will receive further notification. “Close contact” is defined as being within six feet for 15 minutes or more. In line with our protocols, we have closed off the areas used by the individual until they can be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We will follow additional guidance from Prince George’s County Health Department as needed to protect the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

Individuals who have tested positive will not be allowed to return to school or work until cleared by their primary healthcare provider. Due to privacy guidelines, we cannot share additional information about the individual who tested positive.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include a new onset cough or shortness of breath or at least two of the following: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, chills, shivering, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, loss of sense of taste or smell, and gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting or diarrhea). 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 information on free, county-run test sites.

We will continue to monitor the situation and notify you immediately with any updates. Please continue to conduct daily temperature checks and symptom screenings daily before coming to school. Do not send your child to school if they feel ill. Please inform the school nurse or principal if you or your child has symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rhonda J. Summey Hester
Principal