September 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Isaac Gourdine Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19 or presented with COVID symptoms. As shared with you via phone communication, your child has been in close contact with the individual. “Close contact” is defined as being within six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. In line with our protocols, we have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the area in which the individual was located. 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.

Based on the guidance, your child must stay home and quarantine for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms, and may return to school on day 11 (09/27/21) when symptoms have resolved. Fully vaccinated students 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 (09/27/2021) unless otherwise directed by Prince George’s County Health Department. Fully vaccinated students 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.

Individuals who have tested positive will not be allowed to return to school or work until cleared by their primary healthcare provider or the Maryland State. 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, 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 or your child begin to experience symptoms. 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 www.health princegeorges md us.

We will continue to monitor the situation and notify you immediately with any updates. After 09/27/2021 upon return to school please continue to conduct daily temperature checks and symptom screenings 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 have symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Principal