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Dear Hillcrest Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified today that a staff member at Hillcrest School tested positive for COVID-19. The employee has not been at work since Friday, Oct. 30. This staff member was not symptomatic at school and remains asymptomatic. The employee's family member became symptomatic during the day on Friday, Oct. 30. Once the family member was symptomatic, this individual took a rapid test and the results were positive. Upon learning this news, the staff member immediately got tested, quarantined, and received a positive test result today.

Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, anyone who tests positive and is asymptomatic must quarantine for a minimum of 10 days after his/her specimen collection date. The employee will follow these guidelines.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing. At this time, we do not believe the individual was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members due to the employee maintaining strict social distancing requirements. In the event the District learns there were close contacts with other students or staff inside or outside of school, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, the District contacts anyone that is or is suspected of being a close contact. If you have not received a notification from the District, your child(ren) is not considered a close contact. At this time, the District has no reason to believe that this staff case is related to the other positive case that was reported yesterday.

Additionally, the Hillcrest custodial staff thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of the school between the morning and afternoon sessions as well as every evening. The school was cleaned and disinfected on Friday evening after this staff member left for the weekend.

District 58 will notify the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that protocols, contact tracing and the self-certification process were followed. The health and safety of our students, staff and families are paramount, and we will continue to follow all guidelines called for by the IDPH and the DCHD. Please continue to wear masks, adhere to social distancing requirements, and thoroughly wash and/or sanitize your hands as this is the best way to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Kevin B. Russell'.

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools