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Dear Belle Aire and Hillcrest Staff and Families,

District 58 was notified this evening that two staff members working for Champions tested positive for COVID-19. Champions is District 58's onsite before- and after-school childcare provider. One of these staff members works at Belle Aire, and the other works at Hillcrest. Both individuals were last onsite Monday, Nov. 2. Due to our investigation and contact tracing, the District has no reason to believe that there is a school link to either of these cases. We also do not believe these cases are related to any others in District 58.

At this time, we do not believe either Champions employee was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while onsite due to maintaining the District's strict social distancing requirements. In the event the District learns there were close contacts with other students or staff, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Champions' leadership team developed several protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and one is to close a site for 72 hours after the test date for any Champions staff member who tests positive for COVID-19. The Champions program contacted affected families on Sunday, Nov. 8. While the staff members have not been in the buildings since Monday, Nov. 2, they were tested on Friday, Nov. 6 and therefore Champions is closing for 72 hours starting Friday, Nov. 6. This means they intend to reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Please note, the protocols Champions follows are in addition to Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines that public schools follow.

While very few families at each school are enrolled in Champions this year, we felt it was important to inform all staff and families of what took place. Hillcrest and Belle Aire only have an afternoon childcare program. As a reminder, Champions is not part of District 58 and is a separate entity. However, District 58 requires anyone who uses its facilities to strictly adhere to all protocols and guidelines set for by the IDPH and the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD). At this time, Champions is the only partner that is permitted to operate inside our facilities. The program at all schools takes place in the gymnasiums. These spaces are cleaned and disinfected after each morning and afternoon session.

Below is a copy of the letter that was sent to the families enrolled in the Champions program at each school. Should you have any questions about these cases, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Katie Hannigan at the District Office at channigan@dg58.org or 630-719-5839.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Families,

It's important to me to be open and transparent about things that impact our program. We recently learned that someone in our program community has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). Although I can't share their name out of privacy concerns, I can tell you that they're receiving treatment for this illness and will remain out of our site until cleared by a medical professional and local health authorities to return.

I realize that any illness news can be upsetting, so I want to let you know what we're doing to keep your child healthy. Our local health department was informed about this potential concern. We'll follow any guidance they have to offer. Out of precaution, KinderCare leadership has recommended our site close for at least 72 hours, with a return date off Tuesday 11/10/2020.

Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our children, families and teachers. Because our program community has been exposed to illness, your child cannot transfer to alternative child care during our closure, including with in-home babysitters, at other Champions sites or KinderCare centers. CDC guidelines also recommend monitoring for any symptoms. If you or your family members show any symptoms, including fever or trouble breathing, let us know and contact your healthcare provider right away. Our goal is to reopen on Tuesday 11/10/2020, so long as there are no additional concerns of illness or individuals being tested.

In the meantime, please know that we'll continue to closely monitor the situation and let you know if anything changes. We're happy to answer your questions about our standard cleaning procedures, and other ways we address contagious illnesses. If you have questions about coronavirus, please contact the local health department, visit the CDC's website or contact your family pediatrician.

By working together, we can all help ensure your child's good health and wellbeing.

Best,

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