Downers Grove Grade School District 58
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Dear Herrick Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified that two Herrick seventh grade students tested positive for COVID-19. One seventh grade student tested positive on Friday, March 19 and has not been in school since Wednesday, March 17. The other seventh grade student tested positive on Monday, March 22 and has not been in school due to participating in remote learning.

Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, the students must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms or, for asymptomatic cases, from the COVID-19 test date, AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms. The students are following these requirements.

At this time, we do not believe the students were in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to the students 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 complete a 10-to-14 day quarantine. Quarantine length is situation-specific; please see footnote 7 on this IDPH exclusion guidance sheet for detailed close contact quarantine requirements. There is no known school link to these cases.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. Additionally, the District's custodial staff thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of our schools and offices every evening.

District 58 also notified the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of these positive cases to ensure that protocols, contact tracing and the self-certification process were strictly followed. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is 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,

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools