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Dear O'Neill Middle School Staff and Families:

District 58 learned today that an O'Neill eighth grade student tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last at school on Thursday, Dec. 3. After a family member tested positive for COVID-19, he/she began the quarantine process, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. While in quarantine, the student began experiencing symptoms and got tested, resulting in a positive case. District 58 is grateful that this family followed all IDPH guidelines.

At this time, we do not believe the student was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school 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 inside or outside of school, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days. There is no known school link to this case.

Per IDPH guidelines, this student must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms, AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night. O'Neill Middle School has been cleaned and disinfected multiple times since this student was last onsite.

District 58 will also notify the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that contact tracing and protocols 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