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Dear Pierce Downer Elementary Staff and Families:

District 58 learned today that a Pierce Downer fifth grade student tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday, May 24, 2021. The student was last at school on Friday, May 21. This student was an identified close contact to the positive case we reported on [May 24](#).

Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, the student 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 student is following these requirements.

District 58 completed contact tracing and identified close contacts outside of school. While new IDPH guidelines permit students to keep 3-6 feet of distance while at school, the IDPH has not changed its definition of a close contact. Close contacts are still considered to be any individual who spends 15 minutes or more, over the course of 24 hours, within 6 feet from a positive or suspected COVID-19 case. District 58 notified the close contacts and they are completing a 10-14 day quarantine. In the event the District learns that there were any other close contacts with students or staff inside or outside of school, those individuals will also be required to quarantine.

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 this positive case 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