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Dear Pierce Downer Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified that a Pierce Downer third grader, fourth grader and staff member tested positive for COVID-19. These three cases are not related.

The third grade student was last at school on Friday, Dec. 4. The student began experiencing symptoms on Dec. 8, and immediately went to get tested, resulting in a positive case.

The fourth grade student was last at school on Tuesday, Dec. 8. While at school, the family learned that they were a close contact to someone who tested positive. Upon picking him/her up from school, the family immediately got tested, resulting in a positive test.

The staff member was last onsite at school on Friday, Nov. 13. The staff member began experiencing symptoms on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and immediately got tested and received a positive result.

Both students and the staff member followed protocols in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. District 58 is grateful that these individuals followed the IDPH's requirements.

At this time, we do not believe the individuals were in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to 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. There is no known school-based link related to this case.

Per IDPH guidelines, the students 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. The individuals will follow these guidelines.

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. Pierce Downer has been cleaned and disinfected since the students were 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