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Dear Pierce Downer School Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified that a Pierce Downer staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was identified as a close contact to a positive case outside the Pierce Downer community on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The employee reported the close contact to the District and began to quarantine, per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. This employee has not been at Pierce Downer since Nov. 2 and was asymptomatic while at work. However, he/she developed COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period. After developing symptoms, the employee got tested, in accordance with IDPH guidelines.

At this time, we do not believe the individual was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to the employee 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 staff member 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 staff member will follow these guidelines. The District is grateful that the staff member notified the District in the proper manner and has adhered to the IDPH 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, as well as between morning and afternoon sessions. Pierce Downer School has been cleaned and disinfected several times since this employee 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Kevin B. Russell'.

Dr. Kevin B. Russell  
Superintendent of Schools