Downers Grove Grade School District 58
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Dear Highland Elementary School Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified this afternoon that a Highland sixth grade student tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last at school on Wednesday, Nov. 4 and began experiencing COVID-19 symptoms at home on Wednesday evening (the student was asymptomatic at school). As soon as he/she felt symptoms, he/she quarantined and got tested, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. When the family received the positive test result, they immediately notified the District. The District is grateful that the family notified the District in the proper manner and has adhered to the IDPH guidelines.

At this time, we do not believe the individual was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff while at school due to the student 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. We do not believe that this case is in any way related to the positive case reported on Monday, Nov. 2, and there are no known school links.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing and enforcing exclusionary and/or quarantine requirements. 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."

Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night. Highland Elementary School has been cleaned and disinfected 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

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Superintendent of Schools