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Dear Herrick Middle School Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified this afternoon that a seventh grade student from Herrick tested positive for COVID-19. The student has not been at school since Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. The student reported symptoms consistent with COVID-19 on Wednesday afternoon, after school had ended. Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, anyone who develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should get tested. This family followed these guidelines and had their student quarantine and tested. There is no known school-based link between this case and the other positive case this morning as that student has not been at school for almost two months.

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 that there were close contacts with other students outside of school, those students will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing. Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night. Herrick Middle School has been cleaned and disinfected multiple times since last Wednesday per District protocols.

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