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Dear Parents,

In addition to the email that was sent out earlier today, we recently became aware of a staff member that has tested positive for COVID-19 at St. Joseph Elementary. We are responsible for informing all staff and school parents of this by the CDC guidelines, the Calhoun County Public Health Department, and the Diocese of Kalamazoo. At this time, the families of the students in that classroom have been contacted and there were no "close contacts", as that staff member followed proper protocol and has not been with students since being exposed. We want to protect the confidentiality of this individual and request you do the same.

We want to assure St. Joseph Elementary School families that we are moving forward under the guidance of the Calhoun County Public Health Department and that all measures have been taken to protect the well-being of our students/your child(ren). Please monitor for the onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, fever (temperature above 100.4°F), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you note any change in the health of your child, please contact your regular medical provider.

We want to assure our families and school community that our staff has followed the comprehensive guidelines related to cleaning and screening students set forth by the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, Calhoun County Public Health Department, and the Diocese of Kalamazoo. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact me or Mrs. Myers directly. You may find information on our Back to School Plan on our website at [www.bcacs.org](http://www.bcacs.org). Let us join together in praying for the healing of this individual.

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