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To the Terramar Community:

This is a notification that Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has identified an outbreak of COVID-19 at Terramar Academy of the Arts. There is no action for you to take at this time and school will continue as scheduled tomorrow.

MCDPH has worked closely with administration and staff to identify close contacts of the individuals who have tested positive to prevent further spread of the disease. In situations where an outbreak occurs, all staff and/or student close contacts of positive cases will be required to stay home from school (quarantine) for 14 days, regardless of a negative test. **At this time, no students or staff have been identified as close contacts of any positive cases associated with this outbreak.** Close contact is defined as closer than 6ft for more than 10 minutes.

A school outbreak of COVID-19 is defined as:

- Two or more students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period; and
  - could have had some close contact such as in a classroom or on a school sports team;
  - do not live in the same household; and
  - were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during a MCDPH case investigation (e.g. friends who play together in each other’s homes).

In this particular situation, the outbreak does not involve COVID-19 student cases or close contacts.

COVID-19 is still circulating in our community. The best way to keep you and your family safe from respiratory diseases like COVID-19 and the flu is to:

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- Get a flu vaccine.

If you, your child, or a family member is experiencing COVID-like symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, muscle/body aches, and/or a new loss of taste or smell), do not attend work or school, and consider either seeking healthcare or getting a COVID-19 PCR or antigen test, depending on the severity of symptoms. Testing locations can be found by calling 2-1-1.

We are working closely with Maricopa County Department of Public Health to stop COVID-19 from spreading in our school. This includes cleaning and sanitizing surfaces multiple times a day, reminding everyone to wash and/or sanitize hands, reminding staff and students to stay home when they are sick, and making sure that anyone who is exposed to COVID-19 quarantines for 14 days. In addition, continued enhanced disinfection procedures are being utilized.

Thank You,

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