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Dear Parents or Guardians:

This letter is to notify you that your child has been in close contact to another person with COVID-19. Although most children do not get severely ill with COVID-19, it is important that steps be taken to prevent further spread and ensure the safety of those who might be at risk of a serious infection.

The following recommendations are provided so you may take the proper actions to protect your family and others:

- Your child will be excluded from school attendance until **[date 14 days after last contact]**
- Monitor your child for the following symptoms during that time:
 - Fever
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - New or worsening cough
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Chills
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Diarrhea
 - Nausea or vomiting
- Keep your child separate from other family members who may be at risk of severe illness from COVID-19 as much as possible. This includes those who are elderly and those with health conditions such as diabetes or diseases of the heart, lungs, kidneys, and immune system.
- Help your child practice good hand hygiene, remind them to cover coughs and sneezes, and clean frequently touched surfaces often.
- Your child should be tested if they have any of the symptoms above or anytime after **[date 7 days after last contact]**. Your child must complete the fourteen (14) day quarantine even if the test is negative (suggests they do not have the virus).
- You should discussing testing with your doctor or a list of testing sites is provided on the DHEC website - <https://scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-screening-testing-sites>

Please see attached DHEC flyer that provides additional information. It is also available at: <https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-012601.pdf>

The DHEC Care Line is available seven days a week to answer questions you may have: 1-855-4-SCDHEC (1-855-472-3432).

Sincerely,

Name

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