

September 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last evening, we were notified by the Brevard Department of Health (DOH) that an individual in our school tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). While we must protect their privacy, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you.

The DOH has notified all families of children and staff who were in close contact with this individual, and informed them of the need to quarantine for a specified number of days. If you did NOT receive a letter from the DOH that means your child did NOT have close interaction with this person and therefore does NOT need to quarantine.

Once the school learned of the case, the room was disinfected. In addition, our custodial team will conduct a deep cleaning and disinfecting of the school before the students return on Monday.

We have not received any reports of other students or staff members experiencing illness or symptoms resembling those of COVID-19, but are monitoring the situation closely and will notify you of any changes.

We expect all parents/guardians to conduct daily temperature scans prior to leaving for school in the morning and to monitor your child closely for any sign of potential illness. Should they contract a fever (over 100.4) or exhibit COVID-related symptoms, please contact their physician. Information on local COVID-19 testing sites can be found here: www.211brevard.org/covid-19-testing-sites.

Please notify your teacher should your child become ill or test positive for COVID-19, so that we can evaluate the situation and determine if further precautions or notifications are necessary.

Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students, staff and families. We continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures as defined in our school reopening plan and we strongly encourage you to visit our website at www.palmbayacademy.org to view the document.

When we work together we can ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

We appreciate your flexibility and support.

Sincerely, Madhu Longani