

March 25, 2020

Dear D70 Families and Staff,

District 70 received notice from an employee whose position took them into every building on a regular basis, including on the days before schools closed, that they tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday, March 23. All D70 schools were closed at the end of the day on March 13. The employee developed symptoms on March 21, after D70 schools were closed. The employee is at home, in self-quarantine, monitoring their symptoms.

The Lake County Health Department has advised that no further action is needed.

We understand your concern in regards to the identification of the employee so that individuals can assess their possibility of exposure. However, federal privacy laws prevent administration from sharing the name of the employee or providing any information that would otherwise lead to the identification of this employee.

At this juncture, we should not be surprised when presumed positive or positive test results are identified within our community. We assume this will continue to happen, and this is a major reason why schools in Illinois are currently closed and why the Governor issued a "Stay at Home" order until April 7th.

We would like to remind everyone **of every age** that staying home and social distancing is truly important and must be taken seriously in order to not promote further spread of the virus.

District 70 continues to take this ongoing matter of public health and safety very seriously.

The Lake County Health Department advises the following:

- If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness that continue to worsen, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider.
- Do not walk into a healthcare facility, urgent care clinic, or hospital before calling. Discuss your symptoms with your doctor. If your doctor believes that you need to be tested for COVID-19, your doctor should call the Lake County Health Department Communicable Disease program to determine if you should be tested.

If you have any COVID-19 questions, call the Illinois COVID-19 hotline at (800) 889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov). You may also want to consider signing up for updates from the Lake County Health Department at <http://bit.ly/lccovid-19>.

Sincerely,

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