



March 10, 2020

Dear Waltham Community,

It has come to our attention that someone in the Northeast community was exposed to a person diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have asked the Northeast community member to self-isolate per state recommendation. At this point, there are no diagnosed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) among Waltham staff, students, or families.

Last night, all classrooms and spaces the exposed community member had accessed were thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated.

It is very important for everyone in our community to monitor themselves as well as family members for illness. In addition to a confirmed laboratory diagnosis, symptoms of COVID-19 may appear as fever over 100, breathing difficulties, and cough. Please call your health care provider if you have any questions at all. If your child has medical concerns, it is important to ask for recommendations from your physician regarding whether or not they should attend school.

Please be assured that we are in constant contact with our state epidemiologists, local Board of Health, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We are closely following their guidance. The district has taken, and will continue to take, every precaution to keep our students and staff safe. Please remember that handwashing is the single most important way to avoid illness. Additionally, we will update you with any critical developments.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

George Frost
Superintendent

Patricia McCaffrey
Director of Health Services