

# ***CEDAR CHAPEL SPECIAL SCHOOL***

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

On November 11, 2020, Cedar Chapel Special School was notified that an individual has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) within one of our classrooms. In light of this information, we have made this decision to transition this classroom to distance learning until November 30, out of an abundance of caution for the special population of students in our care.

I want to reassure you that because of our commitment to physical distancing and wearing face coverings, your child was not exposed while on school property unless you were otherwise notified. We have not received any reports of other students outside of this classroom or staff members experiencing illnesses with symptoms resembling those of coronavirus, but as always, we ask that you notify us if your child develops any symptoms.

COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we continue to urge everyone to take the following preventive measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea.

If your child becomes sick with fever, cough or has difficulty breathing, contact your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, contact your local health department. Follow these steps:

- Call your health care provider, local health department or emergency room before you go;
- Tell them about symptoms, any recent travel and close contacts (such as people in your household); and
- Wear a mask.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation, and we will continue to keep in contact with the affected class.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



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## **Robocall Script 11-11-20 8:15pm**

Good evening families, this is Principal Belinda Gulyas, I am contacting you tonight to let you know that a single classroom in our school will be moving to distance learning as a result of a positive case of COVID-19. We have made this decision out of an abundance of caution for the special population of students in our care.

I want to thank all of our students and our staff for your diligence in observing our health and safety protocols. Because of your continued dedication to wearing face coverings, observing physical distancing whenever possible, and checking for symptoms, we are able to keep our school building open for in-person learning for the rest of our student population.

We will keep those students and staff directly impacted by this transition updated as we are able to welcome that class back in person. We also want to ask our families that should this announcement impact your decision about whether or not your child should remain in or return to in-person learning, please contact our office by calling 410-632-5230.

Again, thank you all for your continued partnership as we navigate this pandemic together. Have a good night.