



**Friendship Public  
Charter School**  
GRADES PRE-K3 TO 12

To: Friendship PCS Families

From: Principal of Friendship PCS

Date:

RE: **COVID-19 Positive Case Notification**

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Dear Friendship Families:

We have been notified that a person at our Friendship School Campus has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Upon learning this information, we promptly notified DC Health and we are awaiting further guidance from their epidemiology team. We are sending this communication to you as part of our priority to ensure that you are immediately informed of important information.

If your student(s) were identified as being potentially in close contact with the person, you would have already been notified prior to receiving this letter. DC Health is currently conducting a formal contact tracing process. They ultimately make the determination of who is a close contact, communicating to both the person and Friendship PCS.

- *Close contact* is defined by CDC as someone who was **within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hours period**. The World Health Organization (WHO) additionally includes persons with direct physical contact with an infected person or directly cared for an individual with confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protection equipment (PPE).

DC Health's Contact Tracing Task Force is responsible for conducting contact tracing and will notify individuals in the event they are deemed to have been a "close contact". Contact tracing includes:

- Interviewing individuals with COVID-19 to identify everyone that had close contact with the individual during the time they were infectious;
- Notifying contacts of their potential exposure;
- Referring contacts for testing;
- Monitoring contacts for signs and symptoms of COVID-19;
- Connecting contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.

We ask that if you are contacted by a member of the DC Health Contact Tracing Task Force, you communicate with them cooperatively and effectively. Please review additional information regarding contact tracing, including [DC Health's Guidance for Contacts of a Person with COVID-19](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/06172020_Health_Guidance_for_Contacts_of_a_Person_Confirmed_to_have_COVID-19_JIC%20Reviewed.pdf).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> DC Health Guidance for Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19:

[https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/06172020\\_Health\\_Guidance\\_for\\_Contacts\\_of\\_a\\_Person\\_Confirmed\\_to\\_have\\_COVID-19\\_JIC%20Reviewed.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/06172020_Health_Guidance_for_Contacts_of_a_Person_Confirmed_to_have_COVID-19_JIC%20Reviewed.pdf)



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Friendship PCS will continue to monitor the situation closely with DC Health and other District agencies. Please continue to monitor Friendship's [homepage](#) for additional updates.<sup>2</sup>

DC Health continues to recommend that all residents monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID19<sup>3</sup> such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you develop any of these symptoms, please stay home and contact your medical provider for guidance.

As a reminder, prevention is the key in ensuring the health and safety of our community. To help prevent the spread of germs and protect yourself and those around you, you should:

- Practice social distancing;
- Wear a face mask;
- Multiple times a day, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- Seek medical attention if you have reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 or influenza. Call your medical provider before visiting a medical facility.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to keeping the safety of our students, staff, and school communities a priority. If you have any questions, please send them to [wecare@friendshipschools.org](mailto:wecare@friendshipschools.org).

Principal

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.friendshipschools.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/covid-19-faqs>