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Dear Bristol Public Schools Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

Today, Bristol Public Schools was notified that a member of the Ivy Drive Elementary School community has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The affected individual has been instructed to remain home and quarantine. Anyone who was considered a “close contact” with the individual was contacted by the school or local health officials and provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take. Enhanced cleaning procedures have been implemented throughout the school.

As a result, 5th-grade scholars will transition to remote learning starting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and will remain in remote learning until Friday, December 4, 2020. Classes will resume in-person on Monday, December 7, 2020, for 5th-grade scholars. All other scholars should report to school in person on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

We urge everyone to practice and discuss the following preventive measures with your children and family members:

- Wash your hands frequently, but especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds.
- 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 inside the elbow of your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wear a face covering (mask) whenever there is a likelihood that you or your family members will be in the presence of others.
- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others when outside of your home.
- Complete the health screener before coming to work or school.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher)
- Chills or shaking chills
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as a chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

For information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine M. Carbone".

Catherine M. Carbone, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools