



October 23, 2020

Dear Rivermont Families,

This is an update on my previous communications concerning a positive COVID test within our girls' dormitory.

The administrative team has worked diligently in coordination with the local Health Department. The COVID positive student is asymptomatic and had the test for peace of mind. Three other boarding students also received tests, and those tests all came back negative. We have identified six other boarding students and one dorm parent as close contacts, i.e., possible exposure. At this time, we have no reason to believe that any day student was exposed. We've conducted thorough interviews and feel we have gathered enough information to make a well-informed decision about our upcoming shift in response level.

Grades 9-12 will shift to red for a minimum of one week. This means that all high school students will attend classes online, from home or their dorm rooms. 8th-graders living in the dorms will also shift to red. Teachers will continue teaching from their classrooms during the regularly scheduled class times, and middle school classes will continue as usual. Elementary and preschool grades will also continue uninterrupted.

As a precautionary measure, the boarding students have shifted into in-room isolation and will remain there throughout the week. Meals will be delivered to them in their rooms. Please note that boarding students will be allowed out of their rooms under strict conditions e.g., walks outside, etc.

All boarding students will be tested [on Tuesday the 27th](#), which will allow us to both a) give any students potentially exposed to accumulate enough viral load to show up on a test and b) to receive those test results by the end of next week. Some day students have chosen to consult with their physicians and

determine whether their doctor should test them. However, at this time, no day students have been identified as contacts.

We will update families with any new developments or relevant information through the weekend and next week. We anticipate being able to determine whether more distance learning will be necessary by the afternoon of [Friday, October 30th](#).

The upper school student council had planned a socially distanced movie [night for Friday the 30th](#). It is likely that we will reschedule that event for a later date.

Thank you for your support.

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