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Dear Willoughby-Eastlake Families,

Over the weekend, the district learned of exposures to COVID-19 at Longfellow Elementary School and also at Jefferson Elementary School. ***These direct exposures have impacted several staff members and students in multiple classrooms in both buildings, and have made it necessary to transition all persons in these buildings to virtual learning.***

With any exposure, the district works closely with the Lake County General Health District. Through this work, close contacts of the infected persons have been identified. If you or your child have been identified as a close contact, you will be receiving a phone call from the health department during the next 24 to 48 hours.

It is the job of the Lake County Health Department to inform you about COVID-19 and also to answer any questions that you may have ***as a contact*** of someone that has been identified as positive for COVID.

At this time, because it is currently necessary to close three school buildings, in accordance with the Willoughby-Eastlake Reopening Guide, all district school buildings will be closed until further notice. This means that beginning Monday, October 12, 2020, all students in the district will transition to virtual learning. Additionally, all extracurricular activities will be suspended immediately until reopening guidelines are reviewed for those activities.

As we work through this process, we will continue to keep you informed via email and also through our dial-out system. You will be receiving information from your building principal with updates regarding the transition to virtual learning for all brick and mortar students.

Lunch distribution will continue to occur and you will receive more information regarding pickups for meals.

Due to federal privacy laws, we are not permitted to provide the names of the individuals. We believe it is our responsibility to inform you as members of our Willoughby-Eastlake School District community about all reports of positive COVID-19 test results that directly impact our District, and we will continue to share these updates as needed.

Our District is committed to the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. We will continue to follow our strict safety protocols. For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Steve Thompson

Superintendent, Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools