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Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

I am writing to inform you that a person affiliated with Presque Isle Middle Schools has tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). Due to the large number of students and staff who need to quarantine, **we will be dismissing Presque Isle Middle School today at 11:30am**. All other MSAD #1 schools will resume their regular schedules and will dismiss at the regularly scheduled times.

Members of the MSAD #1 Health Services department are in the process of isolating and notifying the students and staff considered close contacts to the individual who tested positive for the coronavirus. If you are not contacted, your student is not considered a close contact. We have approximately 56 students and 5 staff members at Presque Isle Middle School who are considered close contacts. The quarantine recommendation is ten days from last possible contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID. These close contacts will be out of ten day quarantine on Saturday, April 24 or Sunday, April 25, depending on the day that students and staff were considered close contacts to the positive case. These students and staff members will be welcomed back at Presque Isle Middle School after April vacation on Monday, April 26.

MSAD #1 officials have been in contact with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and are following the protocols and procedures outlined for schools to follow when a case of the coronavirus occurs in a school. The CDC recommends that close contacts of a person who tests positive for the coronavirus should quarantine for 10 days.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- sore throat
- new loss of taste or smell
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Please continue to take the necessary precautions against the coronavirus in order to reduce the spread of the disease. Feel free to reach out to MSAD #1 Health Services Director, Lisa McKenna at mckennal@sad1.org, your child's principal, or myself at greenlawb@sad1.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Greenlaw
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