

## RE: VIRUS IDENTIFIED IN SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Maine-Endwell School Community,

**On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, we were notified by the Broome County Health Department (BCHD) that the district has a confirmed case of COVID-19 involving a student who attends the Maine Memorial Elementary School. The last day of attendance for the student was November 5th. Contact tracing is complete and students and staff have been notified if they must quarantine. The resumption of in-person instruction will continue tomorrow as regularly scheduled.**

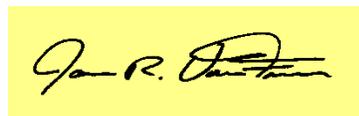
In discussions with the BCHD and our school physician, any person who was in direct or proximate contact with the individual has been and will be advised to quarantine. The district is working in consultation with the BC Health Department on proper procedures for all faculty, staff and students regarding quarantining and testing. We are assisting the Broome County Health Department with a contact tracing investigation.

Exposure to COVID-19 can occur from any person-to-person or proximate contact. There are a number of steps that can minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the New York State Department of Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We will continue to monitor this situation and will notify staff and families immediately of any interruptions to the school schedule. We appreciate your patience and cooperation, as we know this is a serious matter of great concern to many of you. Please contact my office if you have any questions at 607-754-1400 x2311 or via email at [jvanfossen@me.stier.org](mailto:jvanfossen@me.stier.org).

Very Sincerely,



Jason R. Van Fossen,  
Superintendent of Schools

