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Dear Tri-County Parent/Guardian,

We were notified of a case of COVID-19 in a member of the Tri-County School community with an exposure date of today. For privacy reasons, we cannot share details about the status of the person. At this time, they have been advised to stay home and away from other people (isolate). We have worked with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and our Regional Support Team to identify and notify those who had close contact with the person who has COVID-19. The risk of exposure for other people present in the building on that date is no greater than the risk of contracting the virus than general community. If you or your child were not notified as a close contact, you should still monitor for symptoms of illness, but do not need to stay home unless symptoms develop.

Due to the recent uptick in positive COVID cases and based on their connections to the Tri-County School community, Kittson County Public Health, the Regional Support Team and the Decision Committee have recommended that Tri-County School switch to the Hybrid Learning Model.

What this means is that for the remainder of this week, there will be no school and no instruction for any students – in-person and at-home learners. Staff will use the time to prepare for Hybrid Learning. The Hybrid Learning Model will go into effect starting on Monday, October 26th and remain in effect through Friday, November 6th. At that time, we will re-evaluate numbers along with any possible connections to the school community.

Our Hybrid Learning Plan, hybrid bus routes, and hybrid learning groups can be found on Tri-County's website under the **Back the School** tab.

We will communicate more information tomorrow or Thursday by school messenger. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Student, staff and family safety is our highest priority. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Baron