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Thursday, December 9, 2021

Dear Dryden Families and Staff,

We want to let you know that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has determined that Mr. Holston's 5th grade class had an outbreak of COVID-19 with 3 positive cases and two close contacts. An outbreak is defined as three or more cases that are linked epidemiologically with respect to person, place, and time and as determined by the IDPH.

Each of these individuals is following the necessary quarantine procedures.

We have been in direct contact with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) about this situation. The CCDPH reviewed our individual situation and determined that students in this class may either attend the remote Academy Program or they may continue in-person learning if they participate in SHIELD testing on December 10, 14, and 15.

In the coming days, Dryden Elementary School may be listed as having an outbreak on the IDPH website ([linked here](#)). This site is typically updated on Fridays.

We appreciate the great work by our school nurse, our school staff, and the collaboration with our families as this ensures that our buildings remain safe for our students and staff to continue in-person learning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Sincerely,

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