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Dear TCESC Staff and parents,

As we continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we believe it is our responsibility to communicate transparently with our school community.

Today, we received confirmation that a student at our TCESC Unit housed at Labrae Intermediate has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved we are committed to providing accurate data to our school community.

The Trumbull County Combined Health District is conducting contact tracing to identify close contacts of the case who may be required to quarantine or isolate due to their exposure. **Anyone who is identified as a close contact will be notified by the Trumbull County Combined Health District with further instructions as part of the COVID-19 investigation.**

TCESC will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of the Trumbull County Combined Health District, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, as well as follow COVID-related safety procedures such as daily temperature checks, required facial coverings, social distancing of 6 feet or more and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting.

### **How You Can Help**

Be proactive about reducing the number of interactions that students and staff have with one another by practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) to limit the spread of COVID-19. In addition to physical distancing, these important tools help to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wear a mask or face covering while in public places or if people who don't live with you must visit your home.



- Avoid unnecessary gatherings with people who don't live in your home.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes. If you are experiencing cough or congestion, consider staying home and seeking medical care.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cleaning of frequently touched surfaces with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants that are appropriate for the surface, following label instructions. A simple bleach solution may also be utilized.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and families. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing a difficult circumstance. Please be empathetic and respectful to those affected.

Sincerely,

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