



VERNON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Vernon Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a student from the **Gold Team** at the Lounsberry Hollow School and a student from the **Gold Team** at Glen Meadow Middle School have been identified as positives for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The students were last in school last Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Vernon Township School District is currently coordinating with Sussex County Department of Public Health Nursing and is following CDC, state and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community.

Due to this exposure, we have informed the parents of the students who are deemed close contacts per the County Public Health Department's guidelines including those on the bus. Close Contact is defined as being within 6 feet of the individual who tested positive for longer than 10 minutes with or without a mask. Any individual that was in the room but did not meet these guidelines does not need to be notified or quarantined, as per Department of Health guidelines. All individuals who have met the County Public Health guidelines as close contacts will be quarantined for the duration recommended. It is important to know that this student was scanned for temperature and received a normal reading. We are taking more precautions than necessary to make sure all of our students are safe.

We are in the process of cleaning and disinfecting all of the exposed areas. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and will be doing increased sanitizing this evening.

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Ms. Kim Muller at [kmuller@vtsd.com](mailto:kmuller@vtsd.com), Dr. McKay at [cmckay1@vtsd.com](mailto:cmckay1@vtsd.com) or Ms. D'Avino at [kdavino@vtsd.com](mailto:kdavino@vtsd.com).

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