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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that two related students at Glen Meadow Middle School have been identified with positive cases for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We have just received the test results. The students in question have not been in school since Friday, October 2nd and the Vernon Township School District is currently coordinating with Sussex County Department of Public Health Nursing. The Vernon Township School District is following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community.

Based on the information available, the Sussex County Board of Health has established Tuesday, October 6th as the potential exposure date. The students in question will not be returning to school for the full 14-day quarantine and are cleared by the County Board of Health. There is no further quarantining of staff or students based on the consultation with the Sussex County Board of Health.

We are taking more precautions than necessary and are in the process of cleaning and disinfecting all areas of the building in addition to our normal cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

As many might be speculating why Glen Meadow has not been closed for fourteen days, please see the below document from the New Jersey Department of Health which identifies our situation.

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, Dr. McKay at cmckay1@vtsd.com, or Ms. D'Avino at kdavino@vtsd.com.

Sincerely,

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(Excerpt from NJDOH Guidelines):

SCENARIO	CLOSURE
1 confirmed case in the school	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days.
2 or more cases in the same classroom (outbreak limited to one cohort)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days. Recommendations for whether the entire classroom would be considered exposed will be based on public health investigation.
2 or more cases within 14 days, but are linked to an exposure outside the school setting (e.g. in same household, exposed at the same event outside of school)	School remains open*; students and staff in close contact with positive cases are excluded from school for 14 days.
2 or more cases within 14 days, linked together by some activity in school, but who are in different classrooms (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Recommendations for whether school closure is indicated will be based on investigation by local health department.
A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (e.g., large event or large local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the school community	Consider closing school for 14 days, based on investigation by local health department.
2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Close school for 14 days.
Very high risk of community transmission (refer to COVID-19 Regional Risk Level Matrix)	Close school until COVID-19 transmission decreases.