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Dear Parent, Guardians and Staff,

We are seeing a significant increase in our daily cases. Please check yourself or your child for symptoms and if the slightest of symptoms are present please stay home. We are monitoring this situation closely and will communicate any changes that may arise due to Covid-19. We will get through this!

This letter is to inform you that one high school staff member, one central office staff member, five middle school students, seven elementary students and five high school students have been diagnosed with COVID-19. We are working with the Defiance County Health Department to prevent the spread of this disease. Those who have been identified as close contacts will be contacted by the Health Department and provided guidance. **If you or your student is not contacted, other than through this letter, it is unlikely that you or your student were identified as a close contact.**

A close contact is generally defined as being within 6 feet of an infectious person for 15 minutes or more. However, other factors may play a role in determining if someone is a close contact.

If you were not identified as a close contact, please continue to monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or your student have any of these symptoms or they develop, please do NOT go to school or work. Please contact your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, please contact Defiance County Health Department at 419-784-3818.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a Public Health Nurse with the Health Department at 419-784-3818.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keep our community safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Robert Morton

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Robert Morton, Superintendent
