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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is to inform you that an individual associated with Old Orchard Beach High School recently tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The individual was last present at school January 19. The case will require the quarantining of eleven students and one staff member.

A school representative has contacted students and staff members identified as a close contact of the person who tested positive. Close contacts have been asked to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure. Those students and staff members who are quarantined will continue the educational process remotely. A negative test result does not remove the need for a close contact to quarantine.

If you do not receive a call, then you have not been identified by the CDC and school staff as someone who had close contact. As with any infectious disease, there is always the possibility that there are additional contacts that have taken place in the community. We are informing the community out of an abundance of caution.

Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper handwashing with soap and warm water, which is especially important after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. When soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Questions for the school can be directed to me at (207) 934-4461 or our school nurses, Sarah Burnham (934-4461 Ext. 1503) and Karen Michaud (934-4848 Ext. 1103). For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

John Suttie
RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools