

SCHOOL UNION 76

BROOKLIN – DEER ISLE-STONINGTON CSD – SEDGWICK

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“Public Schools not only serve the public, they make the public.”

Superintendent’s Memo

To: DISES Parents & Guardians
From: Christian M. Elkington
Re: Close Contact Identified
Date: 12-8-2020

This afternoon the Deer Isle-Stonington School Department confirmed, that an individual associated with the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School was a Close Contact of a person who tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). **Our staff member was not a Positive Case, but a close contact of someone who found out today that they were a positive case and immediately shared the information with us.** Please know we immediately reviewed the CDC Guidelines which included following the Maine CDC Standard Operating Procedure for investigation of COVID-19 in PK-12 Schools. The staff member who works in our K-2 Wing, was confirmed to be a Close Contact NOT A POSITIVE CASE, will remain in quarantine consistent with CDC guidelines and will be getting tested. The staff member in question was not exhibiting any symptoms and was immediately sent home upon receiving confirmation about being a Close Contact. Close Contacts are directed to be in quarantine for 10 days from the last exposure to the individual who tested positive.

Even though it is not part of any CDC Recommendations, but following our expectation to keep DIS Schools as safe as possible and out of extra caution we immediately completed additional sanitizing in the room this staff member uses and any areas of the school where this staff member had been present. To do this in the quickest and least intrusive way possible Principal McKechnie put in place a “Hold in Place” so that our custodians could do their important sanitizing work quickly and safely. Lastly, we also made sure that the hallway that this staff member used to leave the building was not used by students or staff and was sanitized after school.

Please accept my apologies for this information about a Close Contact not getting to you sooner. It is not part of our process to inform people about Close Contacts, but it is obvious, because of the caution we felt we should take with extra sanitizing, that in hindsight, information should have gotten to you about why we held this “Hold in Place”. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 207 348-6301.