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December 20, 2021

Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is to inform you that two individuals associated with Old Orchard Beach High School recently tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The individuals were last present at school Wednesday, December 15. The district has conducted contact tracing and has identified **twenty** people as close contacts. **Fifteen** individuals have met the criteria for being exempted from quarantine. An individual can be exempted through vaccination, previous COVID infection, universal masking, or pooled testing. **Five** individuals will need to be quarantined as a result of this case.

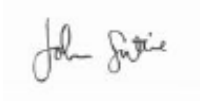
A school representative has contacted those students and staff members identified as close contacts of the individual who tested positive. Close contacts have been asked to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure. A negative test result does not remove the need for a close contact to quarantine.

Please monitor yourself for signs and symptoms and call a healthcare provider if symptoms start. Stay home if you are sick.

The Maine CDC recommends several measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures first and foremost include getting vaccinated. Other procedures 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 are 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 Katie Gagnon (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,



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