

September 8, 2020

Dear CCMS Families and Staff:

On September 3, 2020, we had a student self-identify as having been exposed to someone who was exposed to a person with COVID-19. This student was last on campus September 2, 2020 and is currently under self-quarantine as recommended by Hamilton County Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols awaiting COVID-19 testing results.

It's important to note that the student who self-reported has not been in on the CCMS campus since September 2, 2020. All individuals required to self-quarantine have been contacted by the college.

Due to federal privacy laws, the college is not permitted to provide the names of the individuals; however, we believe it is our responsibility to inform you as members of our CCMS community.

As a reminder, the Hamilton County Health Department recommends that individuals who come within close proximity (six feet of an individual for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more) with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure.

Common COVID-19 symptoms include:

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

Please contact your doctor immediately if you have any concerning symptoms.

The collective responsibility of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science community is to support each other and do everything possible to interrupt further community spread. Please continue to practice social distancing by remaining home as much as possible, wash your hands frequently, and follow state safety mandates. Per our safety protocols, students and custodial teams will continue to sanitize common touchpoints routinely throughout the day and will follow Hamilton County approved building-wide cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

The health of our students, families, and staff is our top concern. For the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>. You can review the CCMS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.ccms.edu/about-ccms/coronavirus-information/>.

Respectfully,

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