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Rockbridge County Public Schools (RCPS) had a student who attends Rockbridge County High School test positive for the COVID-19 virus. At this time, RCPS is working closely with the Health Department and it is believed that no other students or staff members are considered to be a close contact with the student. As a result, no additional students or staff members will be required to quarantine. The classrooms and any other areas that were occupied by the student will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized today prior to the return of students and staff on Thursday, September 17.

Although there was no reportable exposure to other students or staff while in school, parents should continue to monitor their own health and the health of their families for [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

As defined by the Health Department, a person has potentially been exposed if they have been within 6 feet of a positive case for a total of fifteen minutes. A person is not considered potentially exposed just by having been in the same building as the positive case and will not need to quarantine unless advised to do so by the Health Department. If the Health Department determines that the exposed individual needs to quarantine for a period time, then the Health Department will notify the person of the quarantine requirement. Due to State and Federal laws related to privacy, RCPS cannot identify or confirm the identity of individuals who test positive or who are quarantined. RCPS continues to recommend all individuals self-monitor for symptoms and remain home when feeling sick. RCPS also continues to recommend that individuals wear face coverings while in public, maintain an appropriate social distance of 6 feet, and wash hands thoroughly and frequently.

RCPS is committed to providing clear and concise information and will communicate as much information as possible to ensure public health safety while maintaining personal privacy.

Respectfully,

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