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Dear Parents,

Today we were notified of a confirmed case of COVID – 19 by a student at Westside Middle. Through our contact tracing, it has been identified that your child was in attendance on the same day as the student who was verified to have COVID – 19. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, your child was not in “close contact” of the student and is not required to quarantine. However, it is recommended that you continue to monitor your child for symptoms.

[Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), if a person is **fully vaccinated** and has been around someone who has COVID-19, they are NOT required to stay away from others or get tested unless they have symptoms. However, if a person is **not fully vaccinated** and has been in [close contact](#) (within 3-6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more) with someone who has COVID-19, they should avoid contact with others and get tested immediately. For students, the distance is 3 feet, and for adults the CDC requires 6 feet of social distancing.

Our primary measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, is to social distance at least 3 ft as much as possible, wear masks, and sanitize and disinfect areas frequently. **We highly encourage all faculty, staff, and students to get vaccinated for their safety and the safety of others. While vaccinations are not required—they are highly recommended.**

Please remind your child to continue to abide by the Frayser Community Schools COVID-19 guidelines that are based on guidance from the CDC and Shelby County Health Department. This will allow us to prevent COVID-19 exposure among our students and staff.

As always, if you have any additional questions please email Erica Williams, erica.williams@fraysercs.org or Brett Lawson, brett.lawson@fraysercs.org. You can also contact the Frayser Community Schools COVID-19 Hotline at 901-440-4421.