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Dear Orange-Ulster BOCES family,

This evening, our district was informed that a student who attends our Career and Technical Education Program tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was not in class today, and due to federal health privacy laws information about their identity cannot be released. While I realize this information might be concerning, please know that your child's health and safety is of the utmost importance to us.

The students and staff that were determined as being direct/close contacts to the individual have already been contacted by the school nurse. These individuals will be mandated to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure date as required by the Department of Health.

All potentially exposed areas have been cleaned and disinfected, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DOH guidelines.

As we continue to welcome students back to our buildings, parents/guardians are reminded of the following CDC safeguards, including:

- Keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well
- Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Practice social distancing (stay at least 6 feet apart)
- Wear a face covering when on school property
- Continue to monitor your child's health for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis

Thank you for your continued support as we work collaboratively to create a safe and positive educational experience for your children. I hope you are able to enjoy a peaceful long weekend and I look forward to students returning on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Sincerely,

William J. Hecht
Chief Operating Officer