



November 12, 2020

Dear Families, Faculty, and Staff,

In an effort to remain fully transparent and keep our school community safe, we want to share that a student of Julie Billiard School Lyndhurst has tested positive for COVID-19. The families who are considered close contacts will receive a separate letter notifying them of next steps. Due to [HIPPA and FERPA](#) guidelines, the identity of this individual is protected. We ask that you do not speculate or share information about this individual. Due to the nature of this pandemic, it is difficult to know where or how the individual contracted the virus - but **please know that we have been and will continue to do everything in our power to limit the exposure to COVID-19 within Julie Billiard Schools.**

At this point, we are in direct contact with officials from the County Health Department and they will work directly with the individual who tested positive to determine the need to contact trace. As always at Julie Billiard Schools, it is important that we show kindness and understanding to those who may be identified as a case of COVID-19 or as a close contact.

What's Next?

- The case of COVID-19 is being interviewed by public health.
- **Julie Billiard School Lyndhurst is closed today, November 12, for a deep cleaning.** We will send out another letter later today with more information about reopening.
- The person diagnosed is being kept home from school until they are no longer infectious. The person's activities when they could have spread COVID-19 will be assessed.
- The people who were close contacts of the person with COVID-19 will be instructed to stay home (quarantine) from school for 14 days after the exposure. Please note that contact tracing will be completed with the recognition that social distancing measures are in place at our Schools. Because of our social distancing and mask wearing, exposure may be limited.
- If you (or your child) are determined by the Board of Health to have had exposure to the individual, Julie Billiard Schools Administration and/or the Board of Health will contact you. If Julie Billiard Schools and/or the Board of Health contacts you as part of a COVID-19 investigation, please cooperate fully to ensure the safety and health of our entire community.
- More than ever, it is incredibly important that all students, faculty, and staff adhere to our [health and safety protocols](#) so that we can continue to offer a safe space for our kids to learn.
- To keep cases to a minimum, please check yourself (or your child) for symptoms before coming to school each day. Additionally, if you or your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child at home from school and avoid other activities around other people.

While Julie Billiard Schools has performed nightly deep cleanings, adhered to social distancing guidelines, sanitized high-touch spaces between use, and followed all health and safety protocols, there are inherent risks when entering a communal building such as a school, which may result in being exposed to COVID-19. We ask for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this situation.

Gratefully yours in mission,
Lannie Davis-Frecker, Jodi Johnston, and Jason Wojnicz

Visit our [COVID-19 Resource Center](#) for announcements, resources, and information.