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Dear Parents and Guardians _____,

This letter is to inform you that your child may have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 while at Milestones Charter School. The exposure could have taken place between _____.

Close contacts are people who were within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 while infectious for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether masks were worn. This exposure does not mean that you have COVID-19 or will necessarily get COVID-19; however, in accordance with CDC and Maricopa County Department of Public Health recommendations, your child must remain at home (quarantined) for up to 10 days. If your child does not develop **any symptoms**, you may end quarantine after 10 full days following their last exposure to COVID-19 and return to school on _____. We request that students that return on _____, wear a mask on campus for 14 full days after exposure, or through _____.

Maricopa County does allow for special exceptions to quarantine, such as early release from quarantine or exceptions for fully vaccinated persons. Since our students are not vaccinated due to their age, they may be released from quarantine if they tested positive for covid within the last 90 days, has recovered and can provide proof of a positive PCR or antigen test. Your child may also be released from quarantine if they tested negative to covid by a PCR or antigen test that was administered at least 5 full days after exposure, _____. Those that choose to test on or after _____ and can show proof of a negative test, may return to school on _____. We request that students that return early wear a mask on campus for 14 days after exposure, or through _____.

You can develop COVID-19 symptoms for up to 14 days after your last COVID-19 exposure, therefore you should continue to physically distance and wear a mask, **regardless of when your quarantine ends and your COVID-19 vaccination status**. Please see Maricopa County's [Quarantine Guidance for Household and Close Contacts](#) for more information to help in understanding your quarantine period.

High risk household members - If you are concerned about people living in the home who may be at higher risk for serious complications from COVID-19, Public Health recommends quarantining away from these persons as much as possible for the duration of your quarantine period.

If you develop symptoms - If you experience any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (listed below), you should stay home and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including testing. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen test should follow [COVID-19 isolation guidance](#), regardless of vaccination status. Testing locations can be found by calling 2-1-1.

Please note that symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Muscle pain/body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue (not as a sole symptom in the school setting)

Please continue to check the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for the most up-to-date list of symptoms of COVID-19.

For questions related to COVID-19, please call 2-1-1 or visit www.Maricopa.gov/Covid19.

Milestones will put our Distance Learning Plan due to Quarantine in place to continue to meet the academic needs of our students during this time. Please look for additional emails with details, that will include log on information.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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