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Dear Hyde-Addison Elementary Students and Families:

Yesterday, you received information about COVID-19 prevention and preparedness measures at school, from DCPS. The section regarding DC Health guidance concerning the confirmed case of COVID-19 at Christ Church, Georgetown Episcopal had a typo in it, and we regret the error.

The updated information is highlighted, and the full letter from Chancellor Ferebee is attached.

DCPS is supporting all guidance provided by DC Health as it relates to the confirmed case of COVID-19 at Christ Church, Georgetown Episcopal. We recognize that individual members of our school community may meet DC Health's criteria and should be following the guidance for isolation. At this time, there is no indication of immediate risk to students and staff at Hyde-Addison, and we will continue to operate normally. DCPS will also continue to implement enhanced cleaning protocols and monitor the situation closely.

DC Health continues to report no widespread community transmission of COVID-19, and our priority remains prevention. COVID-19 can cause symptoms similar to a common cold, such as fever, cough, sore throat, and feeling unwell. The symptoms that are currently being seen with the current COVID-19 infection are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. Although there has been no confirmed cases of exposure at Hyde-Addison ES, we continue to recommend the same precautions that help to prevent the spread of those common illnesses:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when feeling sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The master schedule has been adjusted to support additional hand washing prior to lunch. Soap and paper towel supplies continue to be filled and monitored in classrooms and shared spaces. Hard surfaces are regularly disinfected by staff and school wide meetings have been postponed until further notice.

We also understand your child may have questions about what they are hearing in the news. Please review these helpful resources for families:

- [National Public Radio](#), collaborating with experts in social work and mental health, developed a cartoon explaining what kids might want to know about COVID-19.
- [Parent/Caregiver Guide for Coping with COVID-19 Coronavirus](#)
- [Talking to Children About Significant Events](#)

As always, thank you for your support. We will continue to disseminate information as we receive it.

Best Regards,

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