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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Last night we were notified that one of our staff members tested positive for COVID-19. This person was last in our school building on Monday, October 26, 2020. Students and staff were notified if they were in close contact with this person. We will be forwarding an email from Public Health-Muskegon County to those close contacts explaining that they now must quarantine and stay at home. Other Wesley students are also in quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 outside of Wesley School.

After consulting with Public Health-Muskegon County, we have decided to extend remote learning and closure of the Wesley School building to students. The **first day we plan to allow students to return is Thursday, November 12, 2020**. To attend, students must have not been exposed to a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, they must be symptom-free, and they must not be waiting for test results.

We are partnering with Public Health to plan safe re-opening strategies. We will also work with Public Health to monitor new positive cases within our community and our staff and student population. You will be notified if this closure must be extended further.

We apologize again for the inconvenience and disappointment this causes. While we are saddened that we must close our building, we are pleased with the progress our students have made so far this school year. With your help, staff is looking forward to making our remote learning program just as successful!

As a parent or guardian, we know you are eager to find ways to protect your children and family from COVID-19. Frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, wearing a face covering in public, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces at home help limit the spread of the virus. Most importantly, [check your child for symptoms](#), keep your children home and stay at home yourself if you are sick. Even if you are not in quarantine, Public Health asked us to remind you to limit social gatherings, practice social distancing (maintain a distance of 6 feet apart), and [get tested](#) if needed.

We look forward to a safe return to in-person learning on November 12! If you have any questions, call me at 231-767-7303 or call Public Health-Muskegon County at 231-724-1203. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Bradley".

Mary Bradley, Principal