

Dear 1B parents,

I am writing to inform you that I have been working with the Health Department today concerning one positive COVID-19 case in our 1B classroom.

There has been no exposure to students or staff during the positive case's infectious period and the affected student is asymptomatic.

Upon learning of the positive result late this afternoon, I immediately began working with Katie Guintier, the Health Department's Epidemiology contact for school related cases. The Health Department has been working on contact tracing and determined that there has been no contact with any SHGS staff or students nor was the student attending class in the school building during the infectious period.

For this reason, health officials have advised us that there is no need for any action to be taken. We will continue with our rigorous safety protocols (mask wearing, hand sanitization, temperature checks, social distancing, and cleaning) that we have in place.

We have been unwavering in our safety procedures and I am grateful that the school community has been supportive of these processes. Open communication in our community will be vital as we navigate learning in the time of COVID-19.

I know it is a relief for many to be back in the school building for learning. We must remain diligent about safety practices, both in school and out of school, so that we remain healthy and able to attend school. Please keep our student and all people affected by the virus in your prayers and contact me with any questions.

With love,

Susan Malinoski