

**01/19/2022**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We consider the health and safety of our students and staff to be of extreme importance and are working closely with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This letter is to inform you that today, **01/19/2022**, we were informed that a student or staff member at **Meehan, Austin Middle School - 8140** tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member or student was last in your building or office on **01/13/2022**.

In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other state privacy laws, we cannot share any additional information about the person. However, please know that the individual is self isolating and will not return until all CDC guidelines are met.

**IF** your child is identified as someone who may have been in close contact (defined as being within six feet of the person for more than 15 minutes within a 48-hour period), you will be contacted by PDPH and/or Student Health Services with important information concerning the need for your child to quarantine..

As an extra precaution, we encourage you to monitor your child closely for the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed in the chart below.

**Symptoms Associated with COVID-1 Illness**

- fever of 100.4 F or greater
- chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- sore throat
- cough
- shortness of breath
- new loss of sense of smell
- new loss of sense of taste

If your child experiences any of the symptoms above, they should be tested for COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, please visit [www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites](http://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites). Should you have questions or immediate concerns, please call the Philadelphia Health Department's COVID-19 Hotline at 215-685-5488.

Thank you, take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

The School District of Philadelphia