



Falconer Central School District

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Dear Falconer Families,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. With that in mind, the purpose of this notification is to inform you that two individuals in our school district, one at Harvey C. Fenner Elementary School and one at Falconer Middle School have tested positive for COVID-19 on September 25. These students were last present in school on September 18.

The Chautauqua County Department of Health (DOH) has been notified and is taking further steps. The affected individuals have been isolated. The DOH is identifying and contacting those individuals identified as close contacts by the DOH.

We are working with the health department and are taking all the recommended steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff. These individuals and any others identified by the health department as being close contacts will be expected to follow the DOH's quarantine/isolation guidelines. They will not return to school until they have completed the quarantine/isolation procedures for COVID-19, as directed by the Chautauqua County Department of Health.

The District cannot release any further details due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability & Accounting Act (HIPAA) requirements. However, we will provide further updates if additional steps need to be taken by the District. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and have him/her stay home if they are sick. Also, please contact your child's healthcare provider if they develop symptoms or if you have any additional questions or concerns. More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home> or on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact us.

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