November 2, 2021

Dear Roland Park Elementary Middle School community,

An individual in one of the 4th grade homerooms at Roland Park Elementary Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. We identified this case through our pooled testing program, where all persons in a learning pod are screened weekly for COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms. The individual is no longer on campus. Out of respect for confidentiality, we cannot release any personal information.

Pooled testing does not tell us who exactly may be positive, only that a positive case is present. If a positive pool is identified, all unvaccinated individuals in that pool will participate in individual follow-up testing and quarantine while results are pending. Fully vaccinated students and staff without symptoms **DO NOT** need to quarantine.

Once follow-up testing is complete, City Schools will notify any close contacts of the affected individual directly and request they quarantine for 10 days. All other students and staff are safe to continue in-person learning. The school will also provide all students asked to quarantine with a Student Quarantine Packet for Learning with information on how to access lessons during their time away from school.

The health and safety of our students is paramount. The school’s impacted areas are being cleaned per City Schools’ Standard Operating Procedure on cleaning and disinfecting school buildings.

Thank you for your trust and support. If you have questions or concerns, please call 410-396-6420 or email ajwilkerson@bcps.k12.md.us.

Please be safe and take care.

Best,

Amanda Brown