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Dear Osage staff, parents and community:

We have been notified by MCPH that 1 student and 1 staff member of Osage Community Schools have tested positive for COVID-19, both at Lincoln Elementary. The individuals who tested positive were last on campus last Friday, and are home recovering. The district is working with Mitchell County Public Health to do contact tracing and anyone who was in close contact with these students or have already been contacted by MCPH. If you are not contacted by MCPH, then you were not a close contact. I want to remind our staff and students: if you have [symptoms of COVID-19](#), you should stay home from school.

In recent days, our area has seen an increase in COVID-19 positive cases. We ask that you please take this seriously and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our area. Please practice social distancing, wear a mask in public, and stay home when you are sick! We encourage all of you to continue following the [CDC's recommendations](#) to remain healthy and well. Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and families. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of Osage Community Schools. If you have questions please email me at [bschwamman@osage.k12.ia.us](mailto:bschwamman@osage.k12.ia.us)

Sincerely,

Barb Schwamman

Superintendent

