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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has learned that your child was in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and was infectious while last at

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

COVID-19 is still spreading in Maricopa County, especially among those who are not vaccinated.

**Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), and MCDPH, close contacts are people who were within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 while infectious for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless of whether masks were worn.** [Exception: in the K-12 setting, a **student** who was within 3-6 feet of an infected student is not considered a close contact if **both students** were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks at all times. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the classroom setting.]

This exposure does not mean that your child has COVID-19 or will necessarily get COVID-19. **Per MCDPH, and in accordance with CDC and ADHS guidance, close contacts who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations or have not had a documented positive test for COVID-19 in the last 90 days should quarantine (stay) at home for up to 10 days.** In alignment with MCDPH recommendations, your child's school may recommend a [school-based modified quarantine](#), meaning your child may attend school during their quarantine period. **Please consult with your child's school to understand school-specific policies.**

If your child is in quarantine, they should stay home except to attend school in a school-based modified quarantine setting. If they do not develop **any symptoms consistent with COVID-19**, they may end quarantine after 5 full days following their last exposure as long as they can correctly and consistently wear a well-fitting mask when around others until 10 days following their last exposure. If they cannot wear a mask, your child should quarantine for 10 days following their last exposure, however, they may end quarantine early after 7 full days if they receive a negative COVID-19 test between days 5-7 following their last exposure and they remain asymptomatic. Please see [Maricopa County's Quarantine Guidance](#) for more detailed information.

**High risk household members** - If you are concerned about people living in the home who may be at higher risk for serious complications from COVID-19, Public Health recommends your child quarantine away from these persons as much as possible for the duration of the quarantine period.

**If your child develops symptoms** - If your child experiences any **symptoms consistent with COVID-19**, they are to stay home and be tested for COVID-19. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen test,

they must follow [Maricopa County's Isolation Guidance](#), which states people infected with COVID-19 are to isolate, regardless of vaccination status. **Testing locations can be found by calling 2-1-1.**

For questions related to COVID-19, please call (602)506-6767, email [COVIDparenthotline@maricopa.gov](mailto:COVIDparenthotline@maricopa.gov), or visit [www.Maricopa.gov/Covid19](http://www.Maricopa.gov/Covid19). You can also visit CDC's webpages for [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) and [COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#).

For additional questions related to your child's exposure, please contact your child's school.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Marcy Flanagan, DBA, MPH, MA  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Sunenshine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Rebecca Sunenshine, MD, FIDSA  
Medical Director