[Insert Today’s Date]

Dear parent/guardian:

I am sharing the following information with you on behalf of [insert school/facility name] and the Vermont Department of Health.

Thank you for sharing notification of your child’s possible exposure to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the community on [insert date]. **Your child may continue to attend school.**

If your child is fully vaccinated (2 shots of the COVID-19 vaccine):

* They will [have received/have been offered/have had the opportunity to pick up, etc.] 2 take home tests at school. Use these tests on the 4th and 5th day after learning of their possible exposure in the morning before school
* If they test positive, keep your child home and follow the steps in [What to Do if You Test Positive for COVID-19](https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/what-do-if-you-test-positive-covid-19)
* Wear a mask around others for ten days after learning of their exposure

If your child is unvaccinated:

* They will [have received/have been offered/have had the opportunity to pick up, etc.] 5 tests at school. Use these tests every morning before going to school for the next 5 consecutive days after learning of the possible exposure
* If they test positive, keep your child home and follow the steps in [What to Do if You Test Positive for COVID-19](https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/what-do-if-you-test-positive-covid-19)
* Wear a mask around others for ten days after learning of their possible exposure
* Your child should quarantine outside of school

If your child has a continuous household exposure:

* If your child is fully vaccinated (2 shots of the COVID-19 vaccine), it is recommended that they test every 3 to 5 days while their household contact is in isolation and for 5 consecutive days after the household contact ends isolation.
* If your child is unvaccinated, it is recommended that they test daily while their household contact is in isolation, and for 5 consecutive days after the household contact ends isolation.

Students who are a possible close contact to a case outside of school are recommended to quarantine if they are unvaccinated according to Vermont Department of Health guidance but may attend school according to the above protocol.

Instructions on how to use the antigen tests can be found on the Health Department [testing website](https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing). If your child’s test comes back as positive, please report this on the Vermont Department of Health [COVID-19 Self-Test Reporting Form.](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6507748/Vermont-COVID-19-Self-Test-Result-Reporting-Form)

Monitor your child for [symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/symptoms-sickness/symptoms), regardless of vaccination status. If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, keep them home from school.

Due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you.

Please call[insert school/facility name] with any questions or concerns about this situation. Please call the Vermont Department of Health at 802-863-7240 (option 8) if you have questions about COVID-19. More information is available at the Health Department website: [healthvermont.gov/COVID-19](http://www.healthvermont.gov/COVID-19).

Many thanks,

[Your name and contact info]