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## **October 16, 2020**

On Friday, Oct. 16, Binghamton City School District officials learned that a student at Woodrow Wilson tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Per New York State Health Department guidelines, any person who had potential exposure to the virus may be quarantined by the Broome County Health Department for up to 14 days. A contact tracing investigation is underway, and the health department will contact any individual if they were exposed. This case affects a limited number of individuals. The impacted area of the building is being disinfected.

Exposure to COVID-19 can occur from any person-to-person or proximate contact. There are a number of steps that can minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the New York State Department of Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of everyone in our district.

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