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Dear BOCES Community,

Our BOCES has been alerted that a student in our morning EOR class at NCOC has tested positive for COVID-19. The last exposure was Thursday, April 22, 2021.

New York State Department of Health guidance advises that the local health department investigates and contacts anyone who may have been exposed. We are currently working with the Delaware County Department of Health staff to trace any close contacts to the student.

Staff and students that are not quarantined, may return to school on Monday, April 26th. Students that are in quarantine may return to school on May 3rd, as long as they remain symptom free.

News like this can be received with mixed emotions. As always, the safety and health of our students and staff are our top priority. We continue to work to support our students, families, and employees during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit or call the health department in your county of residence. For example, if you live in: Otsego County: <u>https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health\_department/covid19.php</u> Delaware County: <u>http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/</u> Schoharie County: <u>https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/departments/public-health/</u> Greene County: <u>https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health/</u>

If you or a family member is exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), please do not go to the emergency room or your healthcare provider without first calling for further guidance.

Please remember that mask wearing, social distancing, and good hygiene are our best defenses against the virus.

We know this time may be stressful for employees, students, and families. If you feel the need to talk to someone, New York State has established a new Mental Health hotline at 1-844-863-9314. Employees have access to resources provided by BOCES from the Employee Assistance Program. The confidential hotline is 1-800-252-4555.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Huber, Ed.D. District Superintendent