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To: Our Families and the MSAD 54 Community  
Re: Positive COVID-19 Case SAMS  
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I'm writing to inform you that we received word this afternoon that a member of the Skowhegan Area Middle School (SAMS) staff has tested positive for COVID-19. MSAD 54 staff have been in contact with Maine DOE/CDC. This positive case was a result of contact that occurred outside of school. Our staff has worked to identify those students and staff who are considered "close contacts" based on CDC guidance. As of this afternoon, all students and staff who were asked to quarantine have been contacted directly by the school.

At this time, there is no recommendation that we close school or take additional actions beyond the quarantining measures mentioned above. SAMS will be in session tomorrow with students and staff who are quarantining participating remotely. MSAD 54 will continue to communicate with the Maine DOE/CDC and will provide updates should anything about this situation change.

As our state and Somerset County continue to experience an increase in cases of COVID-19, we are reminded of the importance of everyone (our staff, students, parents, and community members) continuing to follow masking and social distancing guidelines. It is particularly important that we all stay home when ill or when exposed to someone who is ill. We have seen firsthand that these measures can help us keep our students in school.

Thank you again for your continued support,



Jon Moody  
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