**Before this communication goes out, ensure it is consistent with your local health district guidance.***If you need assistance finalizing your talking points, please contact
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**Media Talking Points for COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in School Setting**

For School Leaders to Customize.

**About the COVID-19 Scenario**● On [date], at [school] located in [county], [number of individuals] were confirmed positive for the COVID-19 virus.

● The individual(s) involved have been asked to stay home and self-isolate, as have any of those who were in close contact.

● The safety and well-being of our staff and students is our top priority.

● We have contacted the local health department and are working cooperatively and collaboratively with any additional direction given by them.

**As the [School or District], we have initiated a Response Plan:**

● We have notified staff, students, and families of the event.

● We are undertaking additional cleaning and sanitation protocols throughout the school
(or “affected places in” the school).

● We also continue to follow and maintain CDC and local health authority guidelines; namely practicing handwashing, physical distancing to the degree we can, requiring [recommending] people wear masks inside the building, and upholding cleaning and sanitizing protocols.

**(Optional - When the school building closes temporarily or students are asked to quarantine after being exposed or testing positive for COVID-19)**● While our school buildings have had to close on-site instruction, learning has continued remotely because of our dedicated teachers and school leaders.

● Throughout this crisis, we have come to recognize the importance of face-to-face interaction. We look forward to students and teachers returning to school buildings as soon as it is safe for all students and teachers.

● Our goal is for students and staff to be able to return once it is safe to do so.

● Students will continue learning at home, online, and in their communities for [period of time, remainder of school year, etc]

● The school is working to address questions and decisions necessary to reopen school buildings safely, and we will engage parents, teachers, school leaders, and policymakers throughout this process.

● We are working with our district and school leaders to make accommodations for vulnerable people.