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Greeting Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have just completed 3 full weeks of in person school during these unprecedented times and I just wanted to assure you that we are doing all we can to keep your child safe & healthy. We have been instructed by CDC and IDPH and have followed every measure to decrease the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. COVID-19 is still very real and now that we are back in-person we have to all do our part to assure the safety of our children and staff. Here are some very important things that we have learned while going through these uncharted waters.

1. Please reinforce to your child to always wear their mask over their nose and mouth.
2. Please reinforce with your child to always maintain at least 3 feet distance between themselves and other students and staff (if they can touch someone while extending their arm then they are too close)
3. Every parent should have signed a self-certification form stating that you will check your child every morning for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and will not allow your child to come to school if he/she displays any of these symptoms. Please be sure to assess every morning as you agreed to do.
4. If your child complains of feeling sick, please DO NOT send them to school.
5. If there is someone in your household who is sick and showing possible COVID-19 symptoms, then please leave your child at home until they have been tested and assured they are negative.
6. If you or your child have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please DO NOT send your child to school.
7. Please notify the school ASAP if your child or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19.
8. We do have the ability to do a BinaxNow rapid test on a child for COVID-19 if you are concerned about any symptoms or exposure. You must come in person to sign the original consent. If they test negative they are able to remain in school if there is no close contact with a positive case, unmasked for 15 minutes or more, or a household case.
9. It is imperative for you to have updated contact information on file with alternative arrangements for pick-up of your child if you are working.
10. If you receive a letter notifying you of potential exposure of your child to a positive case, please know we are unable to disclose who the case is and have notified you so you can keep an eye on your child due to potential exposure. The letter will be given to the entire homeroom as a

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precaution. If your child was considered a close contact (unmasked and closer than 3 feet for >15 cumulative minutes) we will contact you separately via a telephone call. We are able to test your child if requested and upon consent, if there has been a potential exposure.

If we all work together we can keep all of our students and staff safe & healthy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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