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Dear Parent/Guardians,

It has come to our attention again that there has been two COVID-19 positive cases at Belle Vernon Area High School on November 16, 2020. One of the cases did not impact the high school as they have not been present in the building during the period of time, we would have to contact trace. The other case did impact some individuals in the building due to being a close contact, and they have been notified that they need to quarantine. Once again, we are following all of the recommendations from the PA Department of Health.

We are requesting that families be extra vigilant right now with the increase in cases in Westmoreland County. If your child is displaying any symptoms or has been in close contact with a positive COVID person, please do not send them to school and have them follow the recommendations for quarantining and notify your child's building. It is extremely important that we all work together for the safety of our students and staff.

The signs and symptoms of COVID 19 are listed below. If you or your child are concerned about an exposure or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19, please contact your primary care physician for further guidance. For more information on COVID 19, visit the PA Department of Health's website at: www.health.pa.gov.

What are the signs and symptoms of COVID 19? Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and may range from mild to severe.

Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We have been in direct contact with the PA Department of Health and are following their recommendations, as the health and wellness of our students and our community are always our highest priority. Please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools