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Dear Parent/Guardians,

I was really hoping that I would not need to send out another letter prior to the Thanksgiving break but unfortunately, we have more COVID-19 positive cases at the high school. One of the cases required contact tracing while the other did not. If your child was considered a close contact, you would have been notified and told your child needed to quarantine. Once again, we are following all of the recommendations from the PA Department of Health.

Please monitor your child and family for the signs and symptoms of COVID 19 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

As you all know, we will not be having in person instruction for at least the next few weeks and I hope that the cases will go down so that we can return to in person instruction. We will be assessing our community and school cases on December 7, 2020 to determine our instructional model for the remainder of December and after the holiday break. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools