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Dear Farmingdale School Community,

I hope you have all enjoyed your holiday and continue to enjoy your break. As we all know, unfortunately, the number of COVID cases across the state have dramatically increased. Our staff and school nurse have been working tirelessly throughout the break to answer emails and phone calls to provide needed support to our families and staff. As we navigate the continued effects of the virus, the unavoidable truth is that this virus will continue to challenge our education system, and we must respond in a way that minimizes risk and keeps our students in school whenever possible.

At this time, we are planning on reopening on Monday, January 3, 2022 for full day, in person instruction. Students who are quarantining or have tested positive for Covid will begin remote learning on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Upon our return to school on Monday, we will assess our current situation and alert you to any remote learning revisions that may occur due to current circumstances.

Additionally, as you are aware, the CDC has provided updated guidance on quarantine and isolation of COVID positive individuals. At this time, this guidance is for the general public and the NJ Department of Health has not yet published further changes specific to schools. Today, we have received guidance from both the NJDOH and the NJDOE to continue with our current guidance until the CDC updates school-specific guidance which is then adopted by the NJDOH. As a reminder, the current guidance is as follows:

#### Positive Individual

- Isolation and exclusion from school for 10 days and return with symptom improvement and fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication on day 11

### Close Contact

- Unvaccinated individuals - Excluded for 10 days without a PCR test or 7 days if a negative PCR test (administered during day 5 or later from last exposure) is provided to our school nurse before return
- Fully vaccinated individuals (at least two weeks past second dose) - Do not need to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms for 14 days and get tested/begin quarantine if even one symptom develops

**If you think that your child has been exposed, is showing symptoms, has been advised to quarantine, or has tested positive for COVID, you should not send your child to school.**

Please contact Mrs. Kokolus at [katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com](mailto:katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com) if you haven't done so already.

Thank you to all of the families and staff who have already reached out to Mrs. Kokolus and our teachers during break. We appreciate your partnership and open communication. Your support throughout this challenging time means a great deal.

In closing, please know the health and well-being of our students, staff, and entire school community is of utmost importance to us. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed.

Wishing you a healthy and happy New Year!

In health and education,  
Edith Conroy