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Every Student, Every Day

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Dear Newark CSD Families and Staff:

Although we moved to remote learning last week, we remain committed to providing our school community with updates regarding COVID-19. We have had the following positive COVID tests reported to us since we moved to remote instruction on December 16, 2020:

- A teacher at the High School tested positive. The teacher was last in school on December 11, 2020. As a result of this positive test two adults and eight students were quarantined.
- A Middle School student tested positive. The student was last in the building on December 11, 2020. As a result of this positive test five adults and six students were quarantined.
- A Lincoln School teacher tested positive. The teacher was last in the building on December 15, 2020. As a result of this positive test, three adults and 13 students were quarantined.
- A High School student tested positive. The student was last in the building on December 15, 2020. As a result of this positive test nine adults and 44 students were quarantined.
- A Middle School student tested positive. The student was participating in remote instruction so there will be no building adults or students quarantined.

All of the above cases were determined after the decision to move to remote instruction only. The Wayne County Department of Public Health (WCDPH) has advised us that no further action needs to be taken by the District. Contact tracing is conducted by the WCDPH and they make all quarantine decisions based on information provided by the school district and families. If you are not contacted by the WCDPH, no further action is required on your part. We are following all of the WCDPH guidelines and directions as we have since the beginning of the school year.

We have been repeatedly warned that a spike in cases was likely to occur following the Thanksgiving break. The data suggests those warnings were accurate for Wayne County and in many other areas in our state. We are receiving the same warnings for the upcoming holiday season. We must continue to do our part to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Please practice proper hand hygiene, wear face coverings, avoid large groups, and try your best to social distance when you must be outside your home.

We apologize for the disruption to your family life every time we deal with a positive case that leads to the quarantine of both students and staff. The uptick in cases is making it much harder on every person in our region who is trying to keep our children and families safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ford
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