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Every Student, Every Day

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Dear Newark CSD Families and Staff:

We have had the following three positive COVID tests reported to us since we last updated our community:

- A High School student tested positive late last week. There were five students and no staff members quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A Kelley School student tested positive late last week. There were six students and no staff members quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A District Office staff member recently tested positive. There were two staff members and no students quarantined as a result of this positive test.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health (WCDPH) has advised us that no further action needs to be taken by the District regarding the three positive cases above. 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.

While the number of positive cases in this follow-up are few, there certainly remains impact students and staff that are quarantined. Once again, we are fast approaching a school vacation that has led to numerous positive cases and many students and staff being quarantined in the days following our return to school. We must continue to do our part to help mitigate the spread of the virus that will also lead to fewer students and staff needing to quarantine. 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. If your children or you are not feeling well, please seek medical attention.

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. Additionally, as numerous announcements have indicated, I will soon be replaced by your new school superintendent in a few short weeks. I will share with her the procedures we use to report to our families but there could be changes made. I do hope our information has been helpful even though I realize it has never been good news. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I extend my best wishes for a much healthier conclusion to the school year as you move forward with your new district leader.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ford
Interim Superintendent of Schools