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Every Student, Every Day

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Dear Newark CSD Families and Staff:

We have had the following positive COVID tests reported to us since we last updated our community on December 28, 2020:

- A staff member who works in multiple district buildings tested positive for COVID on December 29, 2020. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A staff member at Lincoln School tested positive on January 1, 2021. Two additional staff members were quarantined as a result of this positive test. There were no students quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A Perkins School staff member tested positive on December 31, 2020. There were no additional adults or students quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A High School staff member tested positive on December 29. There were no additional staff or students quarantined as a result of this test.
- A staff member at the Bus Garage tested positive on January 4. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A staff member who works in multiple district buildings was exposed to a positive COVID person during the holiday break from outside our schools and was quarantined. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A staff member at Lincoln School was quarantined after traveling out of state during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined.
- A District Office staff member has been quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A Kelley School staff member was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A Middle School staff member was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A High School teacher was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A District staff member who works in multiple buildings in the district was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A staff member at Kelley School was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A High School staff member was quarantined after exposure to a positive COVID person during the holiday break. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A Kelley School student tested positive since returning to school from the holiday break. As a result of this positive test 14 students and five staff members need to quarantine. The class will move to remote instruction with additional details to be provided by Kelley School administration.

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 holidays. The data being presented daily by the various health departments suggests those warnings were accurate for Wayne County and in many other areas in our state. 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. 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

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Interim Superintendent of Schools