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Dear Brentwood Families,

The Brentwood Borough School District was notified today that two students at the High School and one student at Moore Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. Immediately, we contacted the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) to discuss the steps for mitigation. The three students were last in the school buildings on Monday, September 28, 2020. Out of an abundance of caution, the ACHD recommends that the Brentwood Borough School District varsity soccer team guarantine through Tuesday, October 13. Practice is scheduled to resume on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, and the impacted students may return to the buildings on either Thursday, October 15 or Friday, October 16 depending on their hybrid schedule. As of now, all other sports and school activities will continue as scheduled. Both the students that tested positive and the other students potentially exposed received a phone call from the school nurse notifying them of the potential exposure and will receive a letter from the District explaining the steps they are to take.

The hours of preplanning, increased safety measures, and hybrid schedule are coming to fruition because the ACHD is not recommending that any classrooms or programs quarantine. Students and staff continue to follow the guidance of wearing masks and following the expectations for physical distancing. Our school nurses remain in contact with families of students that are displaying signs of illness. Our parents are being extremely supportive in picking-up students that become ill during the day and keeping students home until they are no longer displaying symptoms. If the symptoms the students are displaying align with COVID-19, we are strongly encouraging our families to seek guidance from their pediatrician. The box below lists the most common symptoms related to COVID-19. The most recent guidance from the CDC recommends testing for students displaying these symptoms. With the increase in the number of testing sites, the results of the tests are returning in 1-3 days which is also helping to stop the spread.

- Fever
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Loss of Smell or Taste
- Nausea. Vomiting

- Chills
- Fatigue
- Headaches
- Congestion, runny noise
- Diarrhea

Our custodial and maintenance staffs continue to follow the updated protocols for the cleaning of high touch areas and large gathering spaces. Our teachers are working hard every day designing lesson plans for in-person and online learners. We recognize that our parents and guardians are also beginning to return to work, increasing the level of stress.

Families often ask what they can do to help. Three ways families can assist include, keeping students home when they are displaying signs of illness, especially respiratory symptoms; obtaining flu shots for all family members older than six (6) months; and remaining in contact with the school nurse and/or classroom teacher.

We remain committed to providing educational, athletic, artistic, and social/emotional opportunities for our students. We are grateful for the support of our families. We will keep families informed of any changes to the schedule or modifications to our Health and Safety plan.

If you would like more information about the updated frequently asked questions, please visit our website at bb-sd.com, select departments, scroll down to the COVID-19 page and click the link called FAQs updated 10-2-2020.

Sincerely,

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