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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

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Dear Bulldog Families:

According to our Road Back document published in the Summer, we have been committed to keeping you abreast of COVID-19 cases involving Bunker Hill Middle School. We have mostly been reporting cases of positive COVID-19 test results. However, recently (due to the escalation of Orange and Red risk status in our state and county), we have also made it a point to report cases of individuals who are "presumptive positive."

As you recall in my letter to you on November 24, 2020. I clarified the idea of "presumptive positive". In that letter, I stated the following:

Coincidentally, we have had a small number of individuals report that they feel they have symptoms in accordance with the COVID-19 chart of symptoms. Because of the orange status, these individuals are no longer categorized as having symptoms but "presumptive positive", meaning we are forced to assume that they might be positive. Therefore, not only do individuals who are "presumptive positive" have to quarantine but their close contacts do as well.

You can access that full letter at this link: [November 24, 2020 Letter to Families Regarding Positive COVID-19 Case at BHMS](#)

Currently, according to what is reported to us, we have (four) individuals (in our Bunker Hill community) who are considered "presumptive positive". Since we have not had in person instruction since before Thanksgiving, there has been no exposure to anyone in the school building. We are just keeping with our commitment of transparency so you are aware of the changes.

Remember, whether we are in person or not, we have to keep Mrs. Keane (our school nurse) apprised of any contacts, symptoms, or positive test results to ensure that when we do come back to in person instruction, we know for sure all the cases to ensure the continued safety of students and staff. Please see the very important information from my family letter on December 10, 2020.

In essence, we ask that you continue to email our school nurse, Mrs. Keane (bkeane@wtps.org) if any of the following occurs for your middle school child or anyone in your household:

- *They have become symptomatic.*
- *They are considered a close contact (direct contact to an infectious person)*
- *They are waiting for a test result*
- *They have tested positive for Covid-19*

All districts in Gloucester County are required to provide a daily update to the Gloucester County Dept of Education with any case of individuals who are exposed and need to quarantine and/or receive a test result indicating that they are positive for Covid-19.

We have to do this for students and staff even in the remote environment. The need for this information is very important so that we can ensure that we continue to have accurate data in tracking our cases as we work to return to hybrid instruction after the holidays.

You can access that above referenced letter here: [December 10, 2020 Letter to Families Regarding Reminders for Informing the School on Cases of Covid-19](#)

Lastly, if you would like to reference any past correspondence, you can access all of them at this link: <https://www.wtps.org/Page/31216>

Thank you Bulldog families, for your constant communication and understanding.

Very Truly Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike D'Ostilio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being the most prominent.

Mike D'Ostilio