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

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Dear Bulldog Families,

As a school, we often try to not send things out in the middle of the week and not inundate your emails. We try to save information for my weekly updates. However, I thought it was important to email you today to seek your support. While the country and the state are diminishing COVID-19 restriction, there still remains very strict guidelines for schools. Among these guidelines in our protocol for students or staff who present as "presumptive positive" for COVID-19.

A "presumptive positive" individual is someone who is exhibiting two or more symptoms indicative of COVID-19. This can be body aches, congestion, cough, chills, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, fatigue, fever, headache, nausea, loss of taste or sore throat. If a "presumptive positive" individual comes to the nurse's office, we have a very specific protocol. We have to close down all the rooms that person was in for the day and wait 24 hours or the end of the school day to re-sanitize the room before any person can go back in. This causes us to relocate the room.

If a student comes down 5th period, we have to close down all the classrooms that person was in periods 1-5 and relocate all those classes, teachers, and students to different rooms. As you can imagine, this causes great havoc on the school day, especially to students and instruction.

Therefore, we are requesting a continued partnership with you to continue to closely monitor your child at night and prior to coming to school to make sure they do not have two or more of the symptoms listed above. While we as parents cannot always predict how our child will feel throughout the day, adhering to COVID screening protocols can surely help mitigate this issue of closing down rooms from time to time. Three simple things would help:

- Checking your child each morning
- Refrain from sending the child to school when they are sick. Even if it's a sore throat from allergies, they need to stay home.
- Stress the need for the children to wear masks properly (above their nose for the whole day) except when eating or drinking.

Bulldog families, thank you so much for your constant support and focusing these next several weeks on the safety of our student body. Thank you also for your understanding.

Very Truly Yours,

Mike D'Ostilio