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

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Dear Bulldog Families and Staff,

Beginning February 8, 2021, the district is moving toward a more robust system of informing the community about COVID-19 Cases that surface in the various school communities. Each day the principals will report to the district office their confirmed-positive cases of COVID-19. Instead of sending a separate letter for each case, the district will provide a chart/table of all the cases in the district. This approach hopes to reduce the inundation of separate letters as well as the entire community trying to ascertain if the situation applies to them.

This will in no way change the contact tracing and safety protocols that Mrs. Keane and I must follow. Most importantly, it will not change our procedures for notifying families or staff who may have a potential exposure. The only difference is the reduction of letters bombarding your inbox.

As always, you can feel free to contact Mrs. Keane or me at any time to discuss the situation. Mrs. Keane and I will be as transparent as possible without compromising the privacy of any of our individuals within the Bunker Hill Community. In my principal's newsletter next week, I will be able to give you the link of the current charts and the archived charts so you can stay abreast of the instances of COVID-19 positive cases regarding BHMS.

Very Truly Yours,

Mike D'Ostilio

Please consult the links to past letters to you that provide specific details regarding courses of action we take in the in person and remote settings and how our decisions are affected by the trajectory of the pandemic. Please see below:

[September 24, 2020](#)...Reference of our first COVID-19 Positive Case and the contact tracing and cleaning protocols we do for each case when the individual was in the building.

[November 24, 2020](#)...Explanation of the difference between "symptomatic" and "presumptive positive".

[December 10, 2020](#)...Reminder to keep Mrs. Keane informed (even in the remote environment) of COVID-19 Positive Cases.

[All Bunker Hill Correspondence to Families...](#)Location of all past and current newsletters and written correspondence during the 20-21 school year from Mr. D'Ostilio to families. This includes all letters of affirmed positive COVID-19 Cases surrounding Bunker Hill Middle School

[COVID Act Now – Gloucester County, NJ...](#)Tracks (live) the numbers of COVID-19 cases and positivity ratings in Gloucester County. It also makes recommendations.

[New Jersey Department of Health Weekly Report...](#)This report is current based on the previous weeks' numbers. This is always a week behind, but this report updates every Thursday.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Hub...](#)This gives you locations of all testing sites per county and provides other links in how to schedule a vaccine appointment.

[January 24, 2020 Letter to Families Regarding COVID Testing of School Age Children and “Alternative Diagnosis”](#)...children who have COVID-like symptoms as a result of a cold, allergies, asthma, etc. will still be asked to either quarantine or obtain a negative COVID test prior to returning to school.

[NJDOH Recommendations for Testing/Quarantine/Isolation Periods...](#)This info graphic discusses testing timeframes when there is a possible exposure and what to do if the test is positive or negative