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RE: FP Health Department & District Communication (Exposure/Gatherings)

Dear **Florham Park Parents/Guardians and Staff,**

Please find below information from our local health department pertaining to information especially relevant due to the colder weather approaching and the possibility of increased gatherings with the upcoming holiday season. I would also like to communicate that the Florham Park Health Department has indicated that, as of today, NO positive cases associated within the school district were identified as being contracted from an exposure that occurred within the school setting. This is positive news and a credit to our planning, procedures, classroom setup, availability of PPE, cleaning practices, and continued efforts by the staff, students and community! Though the Governor has indicated last week that the transmission of COVID within the school setting remains very low, we still need everyone's help to remain open for an in-person learning environment that all students deserve.

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." - Charles Swindoll

- Florham Park Health Department News -

*As we begin to move indoor as weather changes and as cold and flu season approaches, it cannot be stressed enough that large, crowded gatherings, especially indoor or in closed tents, where social distancing **isn't being practiced** and where **face masks aren't being worn when necessary**, are in part contributing to the spread of COVID-19. This is especially true at parties or large events where eating and drinking precludes the use of masks and music may be playing loudly, which causes people to get close and project themselves so they can be heard in conversation. Indoor spaces may not be as well ventilated and these spaces may make it difficult to socially distance properly.*

The public must continue to be diligent about the following, while enjoying activities:

- *Distancing six or more feet*
- *Wearing masks/face coverings when appropriate*
- *Practicing hand hygiene*
- *Avoiding touching the eyes, nose or mouth*
- *Disinfecting commonly touched surfaces*
- *Staying home when symptomatic*
- *Stay away from indoor gatherings or crowds, especially if at a higher risk of serious illness because of age or specific underlying health conditions*
- *Following all of the requirements and advisories set forth in the Executive Orders and Executive Directives and Travel Advisories.*
- *Adhering to isolation and quarantine recommendations and orders from the Health Department's contact tracers and disease investigators*

cc: Mr. Thomas Cantisano, Florham Park Health Officer