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Dear TCCS Community,

I am writing to report a new case of a student who tested positive for COVID-19. Per our [COVID-19 protocols](#), contact tracing has been conducted to determine if there were any potential close contacts at school related to this case.

I must also share that New Jersey recently updated the [COVID Activity Level Index \(CALI\) report](#) to indicate that Bergen County is now considered within the HIGH activity level. This change in COVID-19 activity level will require TCCS to follow new requirements and recommendations, as provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. Accordingly, until further notice, **any unvaccinated student or staff member who is exposed to COVID-19 must now quarantine for 14 days**. Please note that while in the high activity level, providing a negative COVID test result during quarantine will not allow the student or staff member to return to school (the individual must complete the full 14-day quarantine period).

In regards to this most recent positive case, if you have not already received a separate notification indicating that your student has been identified as a potential close contact, they may continue to participate in any in-person instruction and other activities at the school. ***Unless specifically notified - or unless there is a confirmed positive case in the household, siblings of close contacts may continue to come to school, as long as they are screened for symptoms at home.*** In the interest of confidentiality, the school will not share any additional identifying information about any positive cases.

Whenever contact tracing determines that a staff member or student has been in close contact with a confirmed positive case, they will receive quarantine instructions. Students will be excluded from in-person instruction and other activities at the school during the quarantine period, but will have access to classwork through a mix of synchronous (Zoom) and asynchronous (Google Classroom, Seesaw, etc.) tools. Specific instructions will be shared in the quarantine letter and via teacher communication.

Please note, fully vaccinated individuals or those who were COVID-19 positive within 90 days prior to exposure do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact, as long as they do not exhibit any potential COVID-19 symptoms. Vaccinated individuals who do not quarantine must get a COVID-19 test 5 days after contact.

To ensure that our quarantine exemption records are up to date, parents of students who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after the second dose) are asked to upload proof in the parent portal by following the instructions shared at <https://bit.ly/tccs12221>.

For your reference, a record of all reported positive COVID-19 cases at the school is available online at our [Covid-19 Dashboard](#), which is posted on the TCCS website.

The success of our in-person instructional program and the continued health and wellbeing of our entire community depends on everyone's vigilance in following the [CDC promoted safeguards](#) at all times. Also, if your student **or anyone else in your household** tests positive for COVID-19, please notify the school **immediately**. Your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Please feel free to email me at rgallo@tccsnj.org with any questions or concerns.

Thanks and Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Gallo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ralph Gallo
Lead Person / Director