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Subject: Additional COVID-19 Positive Cases

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Dear Onteora Families,

We remain committed to sharing information with our school community and I need to share an update related to positive and presumptive positive COVID-19 cases within our District. We have been notified of three additional individuals having tested positive, and two individuals being identified as presumptive positive cases.

We have been notified of one positive case within our HS community, that requires no additional individuals to quarantine. We have also been notified of two individuals from our Phoenicia Elementary community that have tested positive. These two positive individuals have led to three additional individuals being quarantined. In addition we have one individual from our Phoenicia Elementary community identified as a presumed positive, and this presumptive positive also requires one additional individual to be quarantined. We have also identified one presumptive positive case in our Bennett Elementary community. This case does not require any additional quarantines.

We continue to work with the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH), and as new information arises, we will keep everyone informed.

As the positive cases continue to rise within our County, we are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. As I noted on Tuesday, I anticipate that areas within our County may be deemed a "yellow zone" in the coming days. Governor Cuomo noted during his press conference today that he may be announcing additional zone designations on Monday.

Please remember that we have added information related to the Micro Cluster Zone Initiative that the Governor has implemented to our website. It can be found at this link:

https://www.onteora.k12.ny.us/about/2020-2021-school-year

Also, please consider joining the forum being hosted by our Board of Education Communications Committee on Tuesday evening to discuss issues related to COVID-19. We will send out a link on Monday.

Please also continue to follow all of the recommended safety precautions including mask wearing and social distancing.

Sincerely,

Victoria McLaren Superintendent of Schools