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Dear Barley Sheaf Parents/Guardians:

As of today, there are now fifteen (15) students at Barley Sheaf School with confirmed cases of COVID-19. In addition, we have over eighty (80) students who have been required to quarantine due to having close contact with a person who has tested positive. At this time, we also have more than twenty (20) students who are symptomatic and awaiting test results.

In consultation with the Hunterdon County Department of Health, we now have four (4) classrooms closed to in-person learning due to multiple positive COVID cases in those rooms. If your child's classroom is affected, you have received a message from the school.

We are doing everything we can to avoid a school closure, but we need your help.

1. Screen your child daily for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to his/her departing for school. Please see the included pledge for specific guidance.
2. Do not send your child to school if he/she is symptomatic. If you are not sure, please contact the school nurse.
3. If your child is symptomatic, we recommend that your child be tested at a medical facility of your choosing as soon as possible.
4. Do not send your child (or his/her siblings/close contacts) to school until AFTER you have provided negative test results and/or until your child is symptom-free.

If we continue to see increasing numbers of positive cases, it is likely that we will receive a recommendation to close Barley Sheaf to in-person learning. You can be assured that you will be notified as quickly as possible, but you may want to consider developing contingency plans just in case.

Please know that the rules are in place to protect your child and his/her friends, teachers, and your family. We are very aware of difficulties and inconveniences that come with virtual learning and child care. We must pull together to quickly and assuredly put an end to the current outbreak.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools

FRSD Pledge for Vaccinated Students/Staff

If an individual is **vaccinated**, he/she is required to stay home and contact his/her school nurse if either of the following should occur:

- Your child was recently diagnosed with COVID-19; and/or
- Your child had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID, and he/she is now experiencing COVID-like symptoms. In this case, you must follow the guidance for the unvaccinated in the below table.

FRSD Pledge for Unvaccinated Students/Staff

If an individual is **not vaccinated**, please follow the table below:

Column A	Column B	Column C
<i>Your child may not attend school if he/she has ANY symptom in Column A</i>	<i>Your child may not attend school if he/she has TWO or MORE symptoms from Column B.</i>	<i>Your child <u>may not</u> attend school if ANY OF THE FOLLOWING circumstances exist for your child.</i>
Cough <i>For persons with chronic allergic or asthmatic cough, this is defined as an increase in his/her baseline.</i>	Fever** <i>"Fever" is defined as 100.4 or higher without any fever reducing medicines</i>	The student/staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 10 days
New loss of sense of taste	Vomiting**	The student/staff member or someone he/she lives with is awaiting results from a recent COVID-19 test
New loss of sense of smell	Diarrhea**	
	Chills	The student/staff member lives with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or he/she lives with a person who has symptoms that would disqualify that person from attending school (see Column A and B)
	Rigors (shivers)	
	Myalgia (muscle pain)	
	Headache	
	Nausea	
	Fatigue	
	Congestion or runny nose	
	Sore Throat	
** As always, individuals must be diarrhea-free, vomiting-free, and fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) for a minimum of 24 hours prior to returning to school.		

Close Contact: Close contact is defined as being within six feet for a cumulative minimum of 15 minutes with or without a mask within a 24 hour time period.

Face masks: All students and staff are required to wear face masks when indoors at school. Certain exemptions are enumerated in the [Governor's Executive Order 251](#).