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Dear High Point Community:

We have been actively investigating and addressing one presumed positive case and two confirmed positive cases, over the past six days. As we have discussed, there can be a gap of 3-10 days between when an individual tests positive and when the SCDOH is able to officially confirm positive case test results as they appear in the state database.

High Point administration and staff have consulted with the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in our efforts to properly follow recommended guidelines in *The Road Forward*, as updated by the NJDOH and NJDOE, on August 20, 2021. In all three cases, contact tracing has been completed, all parties have been notified or are being notified, and all necessary and appropriate protocols have been followed. There is no anticipated impact on scheduled district activities at this time.

We have been experiencing an increase in students having Influenza Life Illness (ILI) of late. While this does not indicate an increase in COVID cases, it often results in our having to contact trace more frequently, further diminishing or diverting much needed resources for the education of our students. Please be sure to keep your child home from school, or activities should they have similar symptoms, even if you believe those symptoms are not COVID related. Also, even if your child has been fully vaccinated, if they are experiencing ILI symptoms, please keep them home from school and activities, while also notifying our health office so that we can ensure the health and wellbeing of all our High Point community. Thank you for your consideration.

We are continuing to monitor this situation and will provide you with updates, as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Ripley [SRipley@hpregional.org], Principal Jon Tallamy [JTallamy@hpregional.org] or call the school at 973.875.3101: we will respond to all inquiries, as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D. Superintendent