## HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## Dear High Point Community:

Our community, our county and our state are experiencing an increase in COVID-positive cases. The most recent CALI state/region score has now been elevated to High or Orange. As a district, we have worked diligently to ensure the safety of the educational environment for both students and staff; however, it cannot be reasonably anticipated we will be free from future positive cases. We do not want our students and your children to miss one more day of their education, athletics, extracurricular activities, their friends or their childhood; however, compliance with state mandates and protocols is to ensure student and staff safety and wellbeing.

High Point has contact-traced seven more probable cases of COVID during this past week, none of which, however, constitute what can be considered or defined as an outbreak. So, as we continue to experience instances of Influenza Like Illnesses (ILI) we ask that you please keep your child home from school, or activities, should they have ILI symptoms. This will ensure that we protect the safety and educational experiences of all our students and staff.

As always we continue to follow the recommended guidelines in <u>The Road Forward</u>, updated by the NJDOH and NJDOE on August 20, 2021, and the subsequent <u>NJDOH Update from October 8, 2021</u>. The NJDOH has requested we remind our community that the NJDOH, NJDOE and <u>CDC</u> support vaccinations as a method to control the spread of COVID-19.

We are continuing to monitor all COVID related circumstances and will provide 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