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Dear ESM Families,

Please be advised that a student at **Eastport Elementary School** has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in the building on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**. Please know that information about specific students *may not* be shared for privacy reasons and federal law. The contact tracing was completed in accordance with SCDHS requirements. The potentially impacted students and staff have been notified. As a result of our contact tracing, **5** additional students will now need to quarantine.

As per required protocol, we have contacted the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and made a report about the case.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Students with symptoms of the illness **should not attend school**. If your child is exhibiting any symptoms such as those listed above, please contact your child's medical provider to report their illness.

An important reminder:

If anyone in a household tests positive for COVID-19 everyone that lives in the home is considered a close contact. Therefore, all members of the household are required to quarantine. This also means that any school age students in the home, should **not** be sent to school.

We all must continue to do our part to be extra vigilant while the threat of COVID-19 remains a factor. To help minimize risks for our students, staff, families, and community members, it is imperative that we all understand the importance of continuing to follow the safety protocols and guidelines we have established. While we recognize that these measures can seem inconvenient, they are also necessary, as we must continue to abide by all NYSED and NYSDOH mandated guidelines if we are to continue offering in-person learning.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Steimel
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