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March 30, 2021

Dear Parents, Family Members and Staff:

This letter serves to notify you that two individuals affiliated with Lamberts Mill Academy were identified earlier today as having COVID-compatible symptoms and deemed to be presumptively positive for COVID-19 pending laboratory confirmation.

We are coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, State and Local guidance to assure the safety and wellness of our students and staff.

Cleaning and sanitization of potentially exposed areas will be completed in accordance with protocols outlined in our District Restart and Recovery Plan. You can access a copy at [www.ucesc.org](http://www.ucesc.org).

It is important to recognize that follow up actions are not typically recommended in response to unconfirmed cases of COVID-19. However, we were advised to initiate contact tracing after consulting with Megan Avallone, the Director of the Westfield Regional Health Office, due to elevated positivity rates and unusual patterns of COVID-19 transmission observed in our geographic area.

We are in the process of notifying students and staff determined to have been in close contact of appropriate follow-up actions. As a general reminder, a close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for a total of 15-minutes or more within two days prior to illness onset or positive results, regardless of whether facial coverings were worn.

Given the potential impact of contact tracing on our ability to ensure classroom coverage and student supervision, Lamberts Mill Academy will shift to remote learning on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 and remain as such until the anticipated return to in-person learning on Monday, April 19, 2021. Again, the shift to remote learning does not reflect immediate health concerns nor any requirement of the Westfield Regional Health Department

Students are directed to login to the Google Classroom of assigned homeroom teachers at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning for additional information regarding instructional and therapy schedules for the remainder of the week.

We appreciate the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and assure you that we will continue to monitor this situation closely and notify you of relevant updates. You can assist in our efforts by remaining vigilant, yet sensible in your approach to dealing with this notification.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Samuel at (908) 233-9317 x 5002 or [psamuel@ucesc.org](mailto:psamuel@ucesc.org). You are also welcome to contact me anytime by email at [mkowalski@ucesc.org](mailto:mkowalski@ucesc.org) or by telephone at (908) 233-9317 x 1001.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you safe, health and happy Spring holidays.

Sincerely,

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