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Dear Clark Schools Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that our ALJ football team is being placed on a quarantine due to having played in scrimmages this past Thursday (September 24) against the Scotch Plains-Fanwood team and there now being two positive cases among that opposing team.

In addition, a district employee had a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19, and the parents/guardians of our students and our staff members who may have been close contacts with this case have already been communicated with. Please know that we are not at liberty to share any additional information due to HIPAA guidelines.

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas are being completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the CDC promoted safeguards such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes, and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick, and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. COVID-19 resources from the CDC are available below.

How to Protect Yourself & Others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Social Distancing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

What to Do If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>



When to Quarantine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Isolate If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>

Contact Tracing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html#:~:text=Contact%20tracing%20slows%20the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19%20by&text=Helping%20people%20who%20may%20have,they%20are%20a%20close%20contact.>

Kindly feel free to contact our Supervisor of School Nursing Lori Kowalski by email at lkowalski@clarkschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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