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Dear Onteora Families,

We remain committed to sharing information with our school community and I need to share an update related to positive COVID cases within our District. We have been notified of two additional individuals having tested positive.

Today, we were notified of another positive case within our HS community. This individual has not been in the building since November 20th, and no further quarantine is necessary based on the specifics of this situation. We were also notified of an individual from our Bennett Elementary community having tested positive. This individual is fully remote.

We continue to work with the Ulster County Department of Health (UCDOH), and as new information arises, we will keep everyone informed.

As the positive cases continue to rise within our County, we are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. At this time, we will remain in our remote learning model through Friday, December 11th, but we will review the situation as it progresses and if we need to adjust our plans, we will do so without hesitation. I anticipate that areas within our County may be deemed a “yellow zone” in the coming days. Schools within a yellow zone are required to implement a testing protocol in order to remain in the in person learning environment. We do not currently have the resources necessary to implement a testing protocol, but I will provide additional information once we receive guidance from the UCDOH.

We have added information related to the Micro Cluster Zone Initiative that the Governor has implemented to our website. It can be found at this link:

<https://www.onteora.k12.ny.us/about/2020-2021-school-year>

The information related to cluster zones can be found in the section for the NYS Department of Health Information and Toolkit.

Please continue to follow all of the recommended safety precautions including mask wearing and social distancing. Although the holiday season is usually a time to gather with loved ones, please consider avoiding gatherings this year in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Sincerely,
Victoria McLaren
Superintendent of Schools