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Dear Seaford Families, Faculty and Staff,

The majority of our recent cases have not required contact tracing in the schools, which is largely the reason for allowing in-person instruction despite a significant number of COVID positive cases. We appreciate the efforts made by our families to keep children home who are not feeling well. We continue to track the COVID positive cases in the District and hope that with the collective efforts to adhere to District protocols, we will continue to remain open for in-person instruction. Please be reminded that the daily COVID Screening Attestation Form must be completed truthfully. It is vital that if a student or an employee is not feeling well or believes to be a close contact to someone who has tested positive, that he/she must remain at home. Also, please remember that an individual who has tested for COVID-19 must quarantine until the lab results are received.

Below are the number of positive COVID cases since my letter dated January 15, 2021:

Building	Student/Employee
Harbor Elementary	2 Students, 1 Employee
Middle School	4 Students
Seaford High School	4 Students, 1 Employee

Individuals receiving a positive test result are required to isolate for ten days as per the Department of Health guidelines. These people will not be permitted to return to school until we receive a letter from the Department of Health and/or medical documentation clearing them to return to school. If you test positive for COVID-19, please send immediate email notification to your building principal and your school nurse. For return to school protocols, kindly click here: Return to School from a Positive COVID-19 Test. As a reminder, New York State has adopted the CDC recommended <u>quarantine period</u> of 10 days for those considered to be close contacts. The return to school protocols for a person who has been quarantined is located here: Return to School from Quarantine

The symptoms of COVID-19 are like 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, diarrhea, loss of senses of taste and smell. If you are exhibiting any symptoms such as those listed above, please stay home and contact your medical provider.

Please be reminded that the New York State Vaccine Call Center's telephone number is 1-833-NYS-4VAX. (1-833-697-4829).

Thank you for your commitment to our students. Together, we will remain Seaford Strong in 2021!

Very truly yours, *Adele V. Pecora*

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