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Dear Seaford Families, Faculty and Staff,

The return to school went well yesterday. We have been tracking the most recent COVID cases and remain concerned about the number of cases. As long as we can maintain a safe environment, our schools will remain open for in-person instruction. Please know that remaining open depends upon the collective actions of our school communities. It is vital that if a student or an employee is not feeling well or believes to be a close contact that he/she remains at home. Kindly note that with the return to in-person instruction students and employees may be quarantined depending on the circumstances surrounding a positive COVID case.

The update on the number of positive COVID cases since my letter dated January 2, reported over the last few days is as follows:

Building	Student/Employee
Harbor Elementary	4 Students, 1 Employee
Manor Elementary	3 Students, 1 Employee
Seaford Middle School	2 Employees
Seaford High School	1 Student, 2 Employees

After receiving a positive test, these individuals are required to isolate 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. The <u>isolation period</u> is 10 days. For return to school protocols, kindly click here: <u>Return to School from a Positive COVID-19 Test</u>

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. In the past, the days to quarantine had been fourteen. The return to school protocols for a person who has been quarantined is located here: <u>Return to School from Quarantine</u>

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. If you test positive for COVID19, please send immediate email notification to your building principal and Lorraine Burke, Nurse Coordinator (lburke@seaford.k12.ny.us).

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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