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Dear Seaford Families, Faculty and Staff,

We are very concerned about the increase in COVID cases over the last few days. We have had five new cases over the last 24 hours and there were three other cases reported on Friday. The recent five cases include: one student at the Seaford Middle School, one student at the Seaford High School and three students at the Harbor School. Because we had a snow day and remote learning day on Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18 respectively, we did not need to quarantine classes or buildings in three out of the five cases.

The other two cases were from the same classroom at the Harbor School and appear to be connected. Individuals in this class have been quarantined and were contacted by the building principal. **Given the possible related nature of these cases and concerns regarding close contacts on the buses, the Seaford Harbor School will be pivoting to remote instruction on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22.**

Currently, all other buildings will be open on Monday, December 21, 2020. However, if a parent/guardian would prefer for their child(ren) to receive remote instruction, Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22, we will allow this accommodation and your child(ren) will be permitted to return to in-person instruction after the holiday vacation. Today, the building principals will be sending out instructions for declaring a remote preference for the next two days. The instruction at the Manor School would be asynchronous and there would be live-streaming at the Middle School and High School. We want to give families the flexibility to make decisions that are best for them.

Please remember that 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 your child is exhibiting any symptoms such as those listed above, please keep your child home and contact your child's medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office or hospital. **If your child tests positive for COVID19, please send email notification to your building principal and school nurse immediately.**

As always, the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is our priority. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's building principal.

Very truly yours,

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