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Dear Seaford Community,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Throughout November, we have continued to see the rise of COVID-19 cases across Nassau County. The positivity rate in recent days has been over 3% and the seven-day average for the positivity rate over the past week has been over 2.5%. As a result, it is likely that the New York State Department of Health and Governor Cuomo will designate parts of our county as Yellow Zones, Orange Zones or Red Zones in the coming days.

These designations may have a significant impact on schools that can include required closures and required COVID-19 testing of students and staff. The zones are based on a 10-day rolling average of positive COVID-19 testing results in each specific geographic area. The NYS Department of Health determines our status based on the positivity rate for our entire community, not just the number of cases connected to our schools. At the present time, it has not been determined that our area falls into any of the micro-cluster zones.

Below is a summary of the impact that a zone designation has on schools:

Yellow Zone	Orange Zone	Red Zone
<p>Geographic area has 7- day rolling average positive COVID-19 testing average above 2.5% for 10 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools can remain open with 20% testing of in-person students and staff within two weeks of the designation. 	<p>Geographic area has 7- day rolling average positive COVID-19 testing average above 3% for 10 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buildings must close for at least four days. In order to reopen, ALL students, faculty and staff must test negative before returning to campus. Following reopening, schools will be required to provide weekly testing results of 25% of the combined student, faculty and staff population. 	<p>Geographic area has 7- day rolling average positive COVID-19 testing average above 4% for 10 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buildings must close for at least four days. In order to reopen, ALL students, faculty and staff must test negative before returning to campus. Following reopening, schools will be required to provide weekly testing results of 25% of the combined student, faculty and staff population.

More specific information can be accessed using the links below:

[Micro Cluster Metrics](#)

[School Guidelines for Yellow, Orange and Red Zones](#)

Despite the recent uptick in COVID positive cases, we have had great success limiting the spread of COVID-19 within our schools. To date, we have had a total of 20 positive COVID-19 cases, eleven students and nine staff members, yet we have not had to close a school. Our schools have been safe due to the efforts of the entire community and our adherence to procedures and practices that include: cleaning and disinfecting protocols, mask wearing, barrier usage, social distancing, hand hygiene and using precautionary quarantines. I would like to thank our entire school community for the efforts that have been made to keep our students safe and thriving.

The news of these potential zone designations is disappointing. I will continue to monitor this situation closely and will do everything possible to keep our schools open safely for in-person instruction. As always, I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your support and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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