School District of Borough of Morrisville

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Greetings Borough of Morrisville Educational Community:

As measles cases continue to be reported in Pennsylvania, we want to be proactive in helping our families understand how a potential measles exposure could impact school attendance. To be clear, there are no reports of measles currently impacting our district.

Bucks County has historically maintained a high student vaccination rate according to the PA School Immunization Data Tool. While this high level of vaccination provides important protection for our school community, we want families to understand the requirements that may apply to students who are not fully vaccinated in the event of a measles exposure.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can lead to serious complications and it spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. About 90% of people who have close contact with an infected person will get measles if they are not immune. For more information about measles, please visit the Bucks County Office of Public Health Measles page and review the PA Department of Health Measles Fact Sheet.

In the event of a confirmed measles exposure within our school community, the Pennsylvania Department of Health may require students who are not fully vaccinated against measles and who do not have other acceptable evidence of immunity to be excluded from school for up to 21 days following the exposure. This exclusion is a public health measure intended to help prevent the spread of measles and protect students, staff, and families.

We encourage families to review their child's immunization records to ensure that they are up to date and that the sending school has a current copy on file. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status or have questions about whether your child is fully immunized against measles, please contact your child's healthcare provider. For information about student vaccine requirements, please review the PA Immunization Guide.

Please be aware that, should an exposure occur, decisions regarding exclusion from school and the length of the exclusion period will be made in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Bucks County Office of Public Health based on applicable public health guidance and each student's individual circumstances.

Thank you for your attention to this important health matter and for partnering with us to maintain a safe and healthy school community.

Yours in education,

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