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Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Massapequa Parents/Guardians and Staff,

The District has received notification regarding fifteen positive COVID-19 cases: one student at Birch Lane, two students at East Lake, one student and two staff members at McKenna, five students at Berner and three students and one staff member at Massapequa High School. Due to privacy laws, information regarding the students and staff members cannot be shared.

Following direction from the Nassau County Department of Health, the following steps have been implemented:

- The students and staff members who tested positive are isolating at home as ordered by NCDOH until they have met all conditions to return.
- Staff members and parents of children considered *close contacts* have been contacted by building administration.
- The NCDOH will contact trace *close contacts* of all identified individuals.
- Parents can expect to be contacted by the NCDOH only if their child is considered a *close contact* within the next few days.

As always, everyone should monitor their health, stay at home if they develop symptoms, and contact their healthcare provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops symptoms should seek medical care immediately. Parents are asked to complete the District's Health Questionnaire daily, even if their child is on remote learning.

As we continue to work in partnership with you to navigate the waters of educating our students during this health crisis, we NEED your help. There is a pattern of positive cases being brought into our schools from outside activities, particularly events held over the weekends. Please be respectful of everyone's health. The only way to keep our buildings open and our students in their classrooms is if we ALL do our part!

We are committed to providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 mitigation procedures as we work to protect our students, staff members and families. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools