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Dear Parents,

As students return to school the following procedures will be in place to help ensure a safe and healthy environment for staff and students.

It will be the responsibility of parents to review the COVID-19 symptom checklist daily and determine if their child has any of the symptoms listed. Under no circumstances should a child who is exhibiting any of the symptoms as outlined on the checklist attend school on that day.

Parents are expected to notify the school as soon as they are made aware that their child has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Notification should be made by calling the school and speaking with the school nurse. All information will be kept confidential. Students who test positive for Covid-19 will need to isolate at home for five days.

If a student becomes ill while at school, the student must be picked up from school within 30 minutes unless there are extenuating circumstances. Parents should proactively develop a plan for pick up in the event their child is symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus while at school.

In the event that there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at school, the school health nurse and administration will determine who has been in close contact with the individuals following state guidelines. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is a close contact of someone positive for COVID-19, or symptomatic of COVID-19 as part of the outbreak protocol. Students who are isolated due to testing positive for Covid-19 will receive their class work from the school for the length of their isolation period.

During this time it is essential that open communication occur between home and school to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Parents who have any concerns or questions about information contained in this letter should contact their child's school administrator or health nurse, the Allegheny County Health Department, or the ACPS Department of Student Services.