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Dear Parents,

As students begin the process of returning 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. Parents should also take their child's temperature each morning. 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, or that the child or member of the household has been exposed to a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19, or is symptomatic and being tested for COVID-19. Parents should also notify the school if the child or family member is exhibiting any of the symptoms of COVID-19. Notification should be made by calling the school and speaking with the school nurse. All information will be kept confidential, and shared with school administration only for the purpose of identifying those students who may have been exposed.

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 a potential exposure to COVID-19 at school, the school health nurse and administration will determine who has been in close contact with the individual following state guidelines. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is a close contact of someone either positive for COVID-19 or symptomatic of COVID-19. The Allegheny County Health Department will determine the quarantine length and return date for each person with COVID-19, symptomatic of COVID-19, or exposed to someone who is positive or symptomatic. The quarantine length will be adhered to without exception. Students who are quarantined will participate in remote learning for the length of their quarantine 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.

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