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Dear Parents, Family Members, and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that over the past week, three individuals at Westlake School tested positive for COVID-19. **As masks are no longer mandatory, we recommend that everyone who was present this week closely monitor signs of illness and consider getting tested in 3-5 days. If you experience any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you notify your school nurse.**

While I appreciate the level of concern regarding COVID-19, I remind you that confidentiality laws limit the information that I can share about each incident. However, I assure you that we will monitor this situation closely and notify you of any relevant updates.

In the meantime, we encourage students, parents, and staff members to continue following the promoted safeguards of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, such as:

- Obtaining COVID-19 vaccination;
- Wearing a face covering while in indoor public places;
- Practicing physical distancing from others;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick;
- Closely monitoring your health for symptoms of illness;
- Staying home when you are sick.

As always, we appreciate the flexibility and cooperation of students, parents, and faculty members. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this concern.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Tantillo or my office.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to students.

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Dattilo

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

c. Symptoms of COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

d. Testing:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

e. How to Protect Yourself:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

f. What to Do if You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>