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Dear Sussex-Wantage Community:

Over the past several months, we have had very few positive COVID cases. However, we are currently experiencing an increase in cases as is the rest of New Jersey. During the month of May we have had approximately 16 cases throughout the entire school district. These cases represent staff and students. Most cases are now being reported via at home test kits.

We also want to make you aware that this week four individuals in the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District tested positive for COVID-19. These cases are associated with all three schools. We consistently maintain collaboration with the Sussex County Department of Health regarding instances of COVID-19. All close contacts have already been notified. These cases will not impact our in person operations. Please be aware that, at this time, individuals who have been identified as in school close contacts will have the opportunity to voluntarily quarantine. Masking also remains optional. We are continuing to encourage good hygiene, proper hand washing, and **individuals with symptoms of any illness should not report to school.**

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a headache, runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea. Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Thank you for your assistance with this ongoing pandemic. We continue to strive to keep our buildings open and healthy. Your cooperation in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

Weekly COVID-19 Activity Reports can be found using the link below:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/>

Sincerely,

Michael Gall
Superintendent/Principal CE Lawrence School