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To the Byram Hills School Community,

This email includes important information for students, parents, and staff at **Wampus Elementary School and Byram Hills High School**.

Important Information for Wampus Students, Parents, and Staff:

This afternoon we learned of a COVID-19 positive case at Wampus Elementary, connected to the cases we have been tracking this week at the high school. There are 30 students (including students on a PM bus) whose parents have been notified that their child needs to quarantine, as well as 6 staff members. All other classes will continue as usual in Wampus.

Important Information for BHHS Students, Parents, and Staff:

This is an update regarding the COVID-19 positive cases at the high school, and the **extension of remote instruction at the high school until Wednesday, November 4th.**

At the time of my last communication, we knew of four positive COVID-19 cases and were keeping students remote until we were sure that more students and staff were not affected. Unfortunately, we have three additional positive cases in addition to the other four cases we have been tracking this week at the high school.

Based on the new information, it is prudent that Byram Hills cancel all athletic and extracurricular activities this weekend and remain on remote instruction for Monday, November 2, 2020. Tuesday is already a remote day for Election Day. In-person classes are expected to resume on Wednesday, November 4th with the A-K cohort, with the exception of the individuals who are still quarantined.

Two of the three new cases did not result in the quarantine of additional individuals at the high school, as per the DOH, due to the time between when the individuals were in school and when they became COVID-19 positive. The third case required that 45 students and 5 staff members will now be quarantined.

Thank you for your understanding that additional time out of school will give us a greater opportunity to see if any new cases emerge. I recognize and accept that this is overly cautious, but it is prudent given the number of cases thus far.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools