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Welcome back Bentley Bulldogs!

I hope you had a relaxing spring break and are looking forward to rocking out the end of the school year. With the COVID-19 cases on the rise across Genesee County, we all need to remain vigilant about stopping this disease. To that end, please adhere to these CDC and Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) guidelines by doing the following:

- 1. If you or a family member have
 - a. **ONE** of the following:
 - i. Cough
 - ii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - iii. Fever (Temp >100.4°F)
 - iv. New loss of taste or smell
 - b. **OR TWO** of the following:
 - i. Chills/sweating
 - ii. Sore throat
 - iii. Muscle pain or body aches
 - iv. New onset of severe headache
 - v. Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - vi. Congestion or runny nose

Stay home and get a COVID-19 test. Call your child's school and let us know.

- 2. If you have been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive, stay home and quarantine for 14 days from the point of last exposure. Call your child's school and let us know.
- 3. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth; maintain at least 6' or more of distance between you and others; wash your hands often; and sneeze in a tissue, throw it out and wash your hands.
- ***For more information, go to this <u>link for schools from the GCHD</u>.

Anybody who is COVID-19 positive must **isolate for 10 days.** If you have been exposed to somebody who is positive, you must **quarantine for 14 days from the last point of exposure.** Example: Somebody in your house started to feel poorly on April 1 and got a positive COVID-19 test on April 3. That person must isolate for 10 days starting from April 1 and everybody else in the house must quarantine for those 10 days, too, PLUS 14 more days AFTER that person's 10 days are up (because they were being exposed every day for ten days, so the last day of exposure was day 10.) **That is 24 days of not going anywhere.** If you were exposed to a friend (somebody you do not live with), you have to quarantine for 14 days from the point of last exposure. The scenarios can get complicated, so please check out the <u>Genesee County Health Department website</u>, which has many helpful resources.

Additionally, we are continuing to offer free, weekly, rapid antigen testing for high school students and requiring it for all athletes ages 13-19. The <u>antigen testing consent form is on our website</u>. This test is one more tool to help us mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Finally, anybody age 16 or older is now eligible to get a vaccine. Due to demand, there is a preregistration period. You can get more <u>information about the vaccine here</u>.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep your family and our community safe. Thank you for your patience. And thank you for calling us with questions and updates—we welcome the communication!

I wish you well,

Kristy Spann, Superintendent