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Dear Finn Families,

We recognize that our community has recently experienced some unfortunate upticks in the number of active COVID-19 cases. Therefore, we wanted to provide you with some important reminders regarding the health and safety of our school community.

As a reminder, each day a parent or guardian should conduct a health screening at home prior to sending your scholar(s) on the bus or bringing them to school; if possible, take their temperature—if it is 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, they should not come to school that day. Or, if the answer to any of the questions below is YES, they should also not attend school, as this would be considered a positive screening for COVID-19:

Has your scholar(s):

- knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F in the past 14 days; and/or
- traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

Again, if the answer to any of these screening questions is YES then they are considered to have screened positive for COVID-19 and the updated guidance from the State of New York Department of Health will be followed: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/10/prek-gr12_toolkit.pdf

It is important to note that this is current guidance and is subject to change with little to no warning from the Health Department. Please note, we reserve the right to alter this guidance on a case by case basis; it is possible the requirement for a return to school will be more stringent, depending on circumstances.

Please remember that the responsibility for a long and healthy return to school rests upon us all—staff and families. Please conduct these screenings, and please keep your children home if they are not well. We ask that everyone follow best practices and wear masks, maintain safe distancing, wash hands well and often, and avoid unnecessary outings and contacts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Your Finn Leadership Team