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Dear Hillcrest Academy North Staff:

I hope everyone safely enjoyed the weekend.

This letter is to inform you that we received notification over the weekend that an individual at Hillcrest Academy North recently tested positive for COVID-19.

We are coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, State, and local guidance to assure the health and safety of our learning community.

Contact tracing was completed with the individual who tested positive and it was determined that no UCESC employees were identified as close contacts. As the individual was last in the building on December 10th, no other precautionary measures are required at this time.

I appreciate the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and assure you that we will continue to monitor the situation closely and notify you immediately 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:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- 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 and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms of illness.

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 Mr. Marquet or my office.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to students.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Kowalski*

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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](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/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>

d. Testing:

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

e. How to Protect Yourself:

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

f. What to Do if You Are Sick:

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