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Dear LMA Parents and Staff Members:

This letter is to inform you that we received notification yesterday afternoon that an individual at Lamberts Mill Academy tested positive for COVID-19.

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

It is important to note that neither students nor staff have been in the building since November 20. Contact tracing was completed with the individual and no school close contacts were identified. No additional precautionary measures were recommended by public health officials due to the length of time that has transpired since students and staff were present in the building.

Hybrid instruction will resume at Lamberts Mill Academy as planned on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Cleaning and disinfection of Lamberts Mill Academy will also continue in accordance with the protocols outlined in our District Restart and Recovery Plan. You can access a copy of the plan on the Union County ESC homepage at www.ucesc.org.

I recognize the level of concern regarding COVID-19 and assure you that we will continue to monitor the situation closely and notify you 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 the Lamberts Mill Academy administrators at (908) 233-7581 x 5000 or my office at (908) 233-9317 x 1001.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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>