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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff Members:

This letter is to inform you that we received notification earlier today that several individuals 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 there are currently no known instances of COVID-19 transmission between staff or students at Lamberts Mill Academy. Any student or staff member who was determined to be in close contact with an individual who tested positive will be notified by an administrative staff member for further information and guidance.

As a precautionary measure, we have been advised by local public health officials to place Lamberts Mill Academy on fulltime remote learning from November 20, 2020 – December 4, 2020. This will allow custodial staff to complete deep cleaning and disinfection of Lamberts Mill Academy while we continue to work with health officials on contact tracing activities. You can expect to receive additional information regarding instructional and therapy schedules within the next day.

We fully appreciate the level of concern regarding COVID-19. I assure you that we will continue to monitor the current situation closely and notify you of any relevant updates regarding the anticipated return to hybrid instruction on Monday, December 7, 2020.

In the meantime, we encourage parents, students and staff members to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, 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.

As always, we appreciate our community's flexibility and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's principal at (908) 233-9317 or my office at (908) 233-9317 x 271. 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](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>