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Dear Staff and Parents,

This message is to inform you that students in a first grade classroom were exposed to a positive case of COVID-19. Students on bus 1 were also exposed and they need to be quarantined through Thursday, May 27th. Students can return to school on Friday, May 28th if they are symptom free.

Quarantine refers to the practice of separating individuals who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 to determine whether they develop symptoms or test positive for the disease. Quarantine also reduces the risk of transmission if an individual is later found to have COVID-19. If you choose to have your child tested, it is best to wait until at least tomorrow.

We ask that if your child becomes ill or if you have your child tested, please communicate with the school nurse so we are able to conduct contact tracing.

Please be aware of the symptoms below and seek medical care if you or your child should feel ill.

- Fever (100.4°F or higher) or chills
- Fatigue, Headache
- Sore throat or Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea/Vomiting, Diarrhea
- Uncontrolled new cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please visit the [Centers for Disease Prevention and Control](#) website or contact your medical provider directly. Please know that there are a number of local COVID-19 testing sites for your convenience. [Free priority testing sites link](#) shows that the closest site is [Generations Family Health Center](#). Our school nurses have been sharing this resource with families who have asked and can answer questions if you have any.

Staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should remain home and call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Please also call the school nurse. BES Nurse: 860-774-4618

BMS Nurse: 860-774-1498

Meal distribution: 7 day breakfast and lunch bundles will be available Wednesdays for pick-up for ALL remote students and any other child age 18 or under that is NOT attending school in person. Two day breakfast and lunch bundles will be available for pick up on Fridays to provide meals for Saturday and Sunday for ALL children that are accessing meals while attending school in person. Distribution remains at Brooklyn Middle School between 8am-8:30am, now on Wednesday and Fridays. You are not required to sign up, however completing this survey <https://forms.gle/boqf5L84yERHNZxf7> will help the child nutrition department better prepare.

Continue to follow mitigation measures if you have not been tested and be well!

Sincerely, Patricia Buell

Mission: The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.