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## Community Message - November 23, 2020

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Dr. Bridget O'Connell <superintendent@palisadessd.org>

Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 3:05 PM

Reply-To: dholmes@palisadessd.org

To: dholmes@palisadessd.org

Dear Palisades Community,

Prior to sharing an update specific to student travel and a request for information, I wanted to congratulate our high school students on two performances this past weekend.

- Congratulations to our high school student actors and directors who performed "12 Incompetent Jurors." The show was streamed on Friday and Saturday and over 500 viewers enjoyed the show.
- Congratulations to the Palisades High School football team for winning the District 11 2A championship football game on Saturday night.

In addition to these achievements, the commitment and perseverance of these students in the face of adversity is truly worth celebrating.

### Student Travel:

On Friday, November 20th, 2020, a Travel Mitigation Order went into effect for Pennsylvania residents. Under this order any Pennsylvania resident who travels out of state must produce a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to reentering Pennsylvania or quarantine for 14 days upon reentering Pennsylvania.

If your child(ren) is traveling out of state and you choose to produce a negative COVID-19 test instead of quarantining for 14 days, please email the negative test result to your child(ren)'s principal and school nurse the day before the child's return to school.

If your child(ren) is traveling out of state and you choose to quarantine for 14 days instead of producing a negative COVID-19 test, please email your child(ren)'s principal and school nurse the date of your return to Pennsylvania and the final date of the 14 day quarantine. Your child(ren) may not access district transportation or attend school in person; however, arrangements will be made for remote instruction during the quarantine period.

### Student Illness:

I am hopeful that all of our families remain healthy throughout the upcoming months. In the event a student tests positive for COVID-19, the district will continue to conduct case investigations to identify close contacts through the holidays and weekends. Our investigation is then shared with the Bucks County Department of Health for contact tracing purposes. To assist us in this work, please email your child(ren)'s principal, school nurse and Dawn Fulton at [dfulton@palisadessd.org](mailto:dfulton@palisadessd.org) and Elissa Harwick at [eharwick@palisadessd.org](mailto:eharwick@palisadessd.org) if your child(ren) receives a positive test result. We will work with you to arrange remote instruction if your child(ren) is under quarantine orders when school is in session.

### COVID Dashboard and Notifications:

As noted in the previous section on student illness, we will continue to conduct case investigations throughout the holiday and on weekends. Close contacts will be notified as soon as they are identified so they can quickly consult with their healthcare provider. Informational notifications and dashboard updates will continue to occur Monday through Friday unless the district calendar notes that offices are closed.

Of course, it is disconcerting to all of us in the Palisades family to hear of any positive cases. We are all deeply concerned for those families who have been ill or have been exposed to the virus as it affects people differently. We keep all of the families who have been affected in our thoughts and wish them a very quick recovery. Thank you and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

**Warm regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dr. Bridget O'Connell**

**Superintendent**

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