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Community Notice Regarding Notre Dame

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Reply-To: dholmes@palisadessd.org

To: dholmes@palisadessd.org

Dear Palisades Families,

This afternoon we received the email communication below my signature from Notre Dame High School sent to their community regarding temporarily suspending school and athletic activities due to COVID positive cases at Notre Dame.

As you know, Palisades played football against Notre Dame on Friday. After Notre Dame informed the Northampton County Health Department (NCHD) that they played against Palisades on Friday, the NCHD shared that based on the facts of their cases Palisades is NOT at risk of exposure. I discussed this case with the Bucks County Department of Health and they agreed with the NCHD assessment.

Please continue to monitor symptoms in yourselves and your children and seek guidance from your healthcare provider if symptoms emerge. As always, if your child is sick, please keep them at home.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget O'Connell".

Dr. Bridget O'Connell

Superintendent

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Dear NDHS families –

I write today as a follow-up to yesterday's update.

Today we learned of 2 additional students who tested positive for COVID-19, bringing our total to 3 positives in the last 2 days. After consulting with the Department of Health, and based on recommendations for schools from the Department of Education, (Northampton County is in the "moderate transmission" category), Notre Dame High School will be moving to a fully virtual model, beginning tomorrow, October 21, with an anticipated return to school on Monday, October 26. Based on our health and safety protocols and my conversations with the Department of Health, we do not believe NDHS to be the location of these transmissions.

All extracurricular and athletic games and practices are suspended during this time. This period of closure will allow us to ensure that our school is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and safe for everyone's return.

For the remainder of this school week, we will follow our "virtual schedule" with classes beginning at 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, and 1:30. Please remind students to be signed in, with their cameras on, and ready to learn at the appointed times.

During this time of virtual learning, if any NDHS student tests positive for COVID-19, parents should please contact Mr. D'Angelo at president@ndcrusaders.org. There appears to be a lag-time between the DOH learning of positive cases, and that communication with schools. The health and safety of everyone in our community remains our top priority.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Peace and good,

Mr. D'Angelo

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