

## **Bayshore Jointure Commission The Shore Center**

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Dear Shore Center Families and Staff

Today we were informed that we have had a second member of the Shore Center community test positive for Covid-19. This case is unrelated to the case reported on January 16, 2021 and impacts another group of close contacts. With the number of reports of confirmed positive cases we have received in the last 48 hours, the number of close contacts of these individuals and the potential for further exposure, the Shore Center will return to virtual instruction for a period of 14 days. *Therefore the entire school community will be virtual from Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 29. We anticipate returning to in-person instruction on Monday, February 1, 2021.* 

As with all notifications, due to privacy laws and restrictions, we cannot and will not reveal any identifying information about this individual. As per all CDC and New Jersey Department of Health Regulations, all staff and students that have been identified as a "close contact" have been notified by phone and will be required to remain in quarantine for 14 days from their point of contact with the individual. If you have not been contacted, you have not been identified as a close contact and are not required to quarantine at this time, but should remain home whenever possible. However, we ask that ALL members of the Shore Center community monitor their health for any new symptoms and notify us immediately if you are experiencing any Covid-19 compatible symptoms or are exposed to someone who has tested positive. Your contacts for notification of symptoms or a positive test result remain Nurse Margy or Mrs. Linda.

I understand that remote instruction is not ideal. We truly are doing all that we can to maintain in-person instruction. However, during this time of increased community spread, we also need to ensure the health and safety of all of our staff and students. At this time, the medical data and consultation with our health officials dictates that we must revert back to virtual instruction. If you need assistance with your students during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during these challenging times.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay KIND,

Dr. Tara Beams, Acting Superintendent