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Dear Morris Knolls High School Community,

We hope this correspondence finds you healthy and safe. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, Morris Knolls High School was informed by local health officials that 3 members of the Morris Knolls High School community have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

As per state guidelines, schools must close for 14 days if "2 or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases or to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)."

As a result, the Health Department has determined that Morris Knolls High School will be closed through Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The school will move to an all virtual learning model from Wednesday, November 4, 2020 to Tuesday, November 17, 2020. During this time, we will continue to follow the hybrid bell schedule. We will re-open school and return to our hybrid model of instruction on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Our local health officials are working with school personnel to conduct all necessary contact tracing, which will continue throughout the coming days. A close contact is defined as someone who is within less than six feet of distance for more than 15 minutes cumulatively with a positive case over a twenty-four-hour period.

Students who usually attend shared time programs in-person through Morris County Vocational Technical Schools will also move to an all-virtual schedule for their shared time programming during the same time period.

Furthermore, all athletic practices and contests and all extracurricular activities have been paused through Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Activities will resume, along with instruction, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

As we continue to navigate the changing conditions of this pandemic, let us continue to work together in being vigilant in our approaches to this public health crisis. Please continue to wear masks, regularly sanitize your hands, and practice good social distancing. As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Thank you again for your understanding and your shared commitment to the education of our students.

Sincerely,

James J. Jencarelli, Superintendent of Schools
Ryan MacNaughton, Principal