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Dear BSD Families,

As promised by Superintendent Hohler, I'm sharing the updated COVID-19 guidance our district received from Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and Delaware Department of Education (DDOE).

All of the information for this school year can be found on our website: <https://www.brandywineschools.org/covid-response>. This website is a great resource for our families and will continue to be updated throughout the year as we receive additional information.

In addition, the guidance infographic we created can also be viewed [here](#).

As you can see from the updated guidance, many of the social distancing guidelines that were in place last year have been relaxed. Students who test positive will continue to isolate for at least five (5) days, and families should continue to use the COVID Reporting Line (302-793-5095) to alert our nursing teams and CDC liaisons about any positive test results. Families no longer need to report exposures.

We will continue to utilize many of our mitigation strategies including hand hygiene, routine cleaning, and ventilation. I also want to remind families that masks remain optional for all students and staff members. While they are optional, well-fitting masks are a great mitigation tool.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Richele Lawson, the new District Health and Wellness Coordinator. I accepted the role earlier this summer and will assume the role and responsibilities previously held by Beth Matthey who retired after more than 30 years of service to BSD.

I've been a nurse for 35 years in many different settings. Three years ago, I took the role of school nurse at P.S. duPont Middle School and now serve in this district position. I'm thrilled to take on this new role as a leader for our school nurses as we continue to care for our students and look forward to future health and wellness opportunities.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend, and we can't wait to see our K-12 students next week.

Sincerely,

Richele Lawson, MSN, RN, NCSN
District Health and Wellness Coordinator