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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into the final chapter of our school year with excitement, I'd like to update you on our ever-changing COVID situation in the state of New Jersey.

The CDC has warned that due to the highly transmissible BA.2 variant, coupled with optional masking in schools and public settings, we should expect to see cases rising in the upcoming weeks. We have already seen an uptick in cases in our school and neighboring schools.

To avoid a disruption in learning and graduation exercises we are **ENCOURAGING** everyone to consider wearing a mask to school until cases show a downward trend. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe to enjoy the festivities we have planned for the rest of the school year.

If your child has been vaccinated and we do not have their card on file, please send it to the school nurse at: mrosenthal@stbacademy.org.

As per state guidance, students and staff that are unvaccinated will be asked to quarantine for 5 days if they are exposed to COVID-19. They can come back to school following a negative home (2 tests administered within 24 hours of each other) or lab test. They must remain masked for an additional five days in the school building.

Students and staff that are fully vaccinated and have an exposure may continue to come to school if they are symptom free and wear a mask in school for ten days.

- Please see NJ state CDC website for full COVID guides: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Please contact the principal at: sbapincipal@stbacademy.org if your child or a family member tests positive so that we can keep track of possible family transmissions.

Our overall goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy so that we can gather for graduations, our school picnic, and other year-end activities. Please help us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marissa Rosenthal, School Nurse

Ms. Kimberly Harrigan, Principal