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Dear CASA Families:

On Wednesday, November 18, 2020, we received information about an additional case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the CASA community. That person was last in school on Friday, November 13, 2020. Even though students are now learning virtually, cleaning and disinfecting of the facility has occurred and the individual is self-isolating at home.

**If your child was identified as a close contact (defined as an individual who was within 6 feet of an infectious person for at least 15 minutes or who was directly exposed to respiratory secretions [e.g., cough or sneeze]), Nurse Stillwater and/or the Department of Health already informed them.**

In addition, the Secretary of Health issued a new travel order. Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a **negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return** to the Commonwealth, or to **quarantine for 14 days** upon return to Pennsylvania. This does not apply to people who commute to and from another state for work or medical treatment. For more information, please visit: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>.

As the Coronavirus situation in our country and our community is developing quickly, we urge you to take necessary precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- **Wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet** from any person while outside the home and avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Sing the Happy Birthday song twice to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately.** If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover coughs and sneezes.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.**
- **If you are contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health please cooperate with monitoring and follow all instructions so that other people do not become sick.**

If you or any members of your household develop symptoms of COVID-19 or have symptoms that worsen, notify the Pennsylvania Department of Health immediately at 1-877-724-3258 and contact a health care provider. Additionally, please contact Ann Stillwater at [astillwater@casa-arts.org](mailto:astillwater@casa-arts.org). Please visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Health website](http://www.health.pa.gov) (www.health.pa.gov) for the latest and most accurate information about COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Wendling  
CEO/Principal