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Dear CASA Families:

As we monitor the COVID-19 Early Warning System Dashboard on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's website, we continue to see a large number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

**For the period ending December 17, 2020, Dauphin County remained in the substantial community spread category. This is the eighth week in a row. The incidence rate of cases per 100,000 residents was 545.3 and the percent positivity was 20.6%. The Departments of Health and Education have recommended complete virtual learning when the incidence rate is greater than 100/100,000 residents and/or the percent positivity reaches 10%. Because of this, and the potential increase in cases due to the holiday break, CASA will remain in the virtual instructional delivery model until January 15, 2021. Our goal is to return to the hybrid instructional delivery model on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. We will continue to provide updates over the next several weeks.**

As of November 17, 2020, the Wolf administration is requiring that travelers entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states, as well as Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states, have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering the Commonwealth, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first. CASA Charter School will comply with this order and will enforce it for staff members and students. If you have plans to travel out of state, please contact the main office at 717-732-8450. More information regarding the travel order can be found at: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

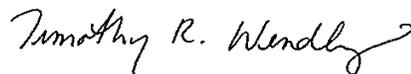
On December 4, 2020, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) began providing options to shorten quarantine for people who had close contact with others diagnosed with COVID-19. The 14-day quarantine is still recommended as the best and safest option by the DOH, therefore, CASA will expect that students and staff members who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 quarantine for the complete 14 days before returning to school.

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.

- **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.
- **Avoid close contact with those outside your immediate household and limit non-essential travel and activities.**
- **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. In addition, please contact CASA Nurse, 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,



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CEO/Principal