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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The entire state of New Jersey is currently showing high Covid-19 infection rates. This letter is to inform you that there is a report of four cases of Covid-19 in the Matheny school community. Since school instruction is fully virtual at this moment, day students have not been in contact with others within the school community. Infection control precautions are being taken to ensure the safety of students who reside at Matheny.

The best way to avoid illness and death from Covid-19 continues to be mRNA vaccination and a booster dose to that vaccination. Please become fully vaccinated and boosted as soon as possible and discuss with your family physician regarding proper vaccine recommendations for you and your child. We understand there is a high level of concern regarding COVID-19 so we encourage parents and students to continue to follow infection prevention safeguards listed below.

- Stay home when feeling sick;
- Wear a face covering;
- Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover coughs and sneezes and properly dispose of tissues;
- Limit close contact with people who are sick;
- Do not share food, drinks and utensils;
- Practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart)

If you have any medical questions or concerns, please call the School Health Office, ext. 1217. For questions related to school instruction, please email Matheny administrators at <u>mathenyschool@matheny.org</u>. Thank you for your patience during this challenging time period. We will continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

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