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Dear Families and Staff,

I am writing with a reminder about our COVID-19 procedures. We are in a healthy place regarding COVID-19, yet we must remain vigilant.

Our [first weekly count](#) (September 16, 2022) indicated a total of 17 confirmed positive cases for students and four confirmed positive cases for staff over the previous seven-day period. This total of 21 cases across seven-days compares favorably to our lower-end daily counts last year.

We have been enjoying a school year with a full return to in-person interactions and programming. I am told by our older students that it feels like a return to the culture they knew in their pre-COVID years. It has put a kick in their step.

We must keep the right balance between maintaining “Hastings’ Old Normal” and ensuring the health of students and staff. Thus, please take a moment to review the following required procedures, which apply to students and staff equally.

1. Review the [COVID-19 Management Document 2022-23](#) carefully. We update it as necessary, and will notify all students, families and staff of any changes.
2. If you have a confirmed case of COVID-19:
 - a. You must isolate for five days;
 - b. Report your illness via the [COVID-19 Reporting Form](#) (Students and Staff);
 - c. Inform your supervisor (Staff only);
 - d. Coordinate with your school’s Health Office about your return (Students and Staff);
 - e. Upon return, you must wear a mask at all times for five days.
3. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
4. In general, wash your hands, and, if in doubt about how you feel, wear a mask when in groups.

Lastly, I appreciate the flexibility we now have to manage our health as individuals. We must do so, however, with respect for each other’s well being. Together, acting with care for each other, we can mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and continue what our most experienced students are celebrating as “Hastings’ Old Normal.”

Please be in touch with your school’s Health Office if you have any questions.

Be well.

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