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Dear Vernon Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

This correspondence is intended to keep you informed regarding COVID-19. As we head into the cold and flu season, the district recognizes that students may be suffering from a variety of symptoms. Below is a list of the symptoms that, if exhibited in school, may send a child home for COVID testing. Please remember that if your child is ill, keeping them home for a day or two is more likely a better solution than sending them to school where they may be required to be sent home and undergo COVID testing.

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection in children and may put your child at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms.

Please check your child daily for these symptoms:

Column A

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever (measured or subjective)**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rigors (shivers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Myalgia (muscle aches)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congestion or Runny Nose

Column B

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficulty Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Loss of Taste
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Loss of Smell

If two or more of the fields in Column A are checked off or at least one field in Column B is checked off, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

**Per VTSD policy, student with a temperature of 100.0F or above, with or without other symptoms, must be excluded from school. A doctor's note is required for student to return to school.

In order to keep students on track with their classwork, if they are not ill and able to complete work, the district's teachers continue to maintain Schoology pages with up-to-date information. We are also providing Virtual Academic Mentors. If your child has been required to quarantine, you should have received an email or text with a link for access. [Here](#) is the link for your assistance. Virtual Academic Mentors provide daily assistance with school work for the duration of quarantine.

Should the Coronavirus Activity Level Indicator (CALI) color for Sussex County become orange, students who are considered a close contact at school and who are unvaccinated will be required to quarantine for 14 days based on the NJDOH guidance, with no negative test option. Please do what you can to maintain physical distance, wash hands often, wear masks when you feel it is necessary, and consider receiving the COVID vaccine.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our community safe. While balancing COVID illness with education continues to be a struggle, we are thrilled to have your children in school with us where teaching and learning can occur with success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen D'Avino', written in a cursive style.

Karen D'Avino
Superintendent of Schools

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