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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: Monica E. Goldson, Ed.D. 
Chief Executive Officer

RE: Revised Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-Protocol for Facilities with Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

As we embark on this New Year, we are hopeful that our nation will turn the corner in addressing the COVID-19 health pandemic. With that in mind, I would like to share with you some updates on our efforts to keep Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) safe.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in most instances, a single positive case of COVID-19 would not warrant closing the entire building ([CDC Guidelines](#)). Thus, the school system will adopt this protocol for facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, effective Monday, January 11. Our cleaning and sanitizing protocol will focus on the specific area of exposure while maintaining rigorous procedures throughout the building. This process will limit the impact on daily operations while remaining current with CDC-recommended guidelines.

When a single positive case of COVID-19 is confirmed, PGCPS will immediately close the exposed area of the facility (e.g., classrooms, offices, bathrooms and common areas). Per CDC guidelines, the school system will wait up to 24 hours before cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing the area. The building will reopen as soon as possible, generally the next business day following cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing. If multiple positive cases of COVID-19 are confirmed at one site within three days (minimum), PGCPS will close the entire facility for 48 hours to clean and sanitize all areas.

PGCPS will notify employees in the designated area(s) of closure. Building-wide closures and exposed areas of the facility will be posted on the PGCPS website for continued transparency. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines, wash your hands regularly, wear a mask at all times and do not report to work when you have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your continued commitment to remain safe.