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Good Afternoon,

Earlier today a communication was sent to GLHS families addressing a rumor circulating regarding several students being confirmed positive for COVID-19. At that time there were no reports of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases made to GLHS, the district offices, or the County Department of Health. Upon investigating the rumor, the district learned that there was a house party this past Saturday and that there were a significant number of GL students in attendance. Further investigation by the district uncovered two other house parties that took place where many GLHS students were in attendance. To be clear, all three events took place at private residences, outside of school hours, and were not school sanctioned events. We have now been notified that there are seven GLHS students that have tested positive for Covid-19.

If your child has come into contact with someone infected with the virus, you will be notified via Union County's contact tracing protocols. In addition, our administrative team, nursing and athletic staff are actively contacting parents and students who may have been exposed. This will be ongoing for the next several days.

On Monday, 11/9 all GLHS students will be on remote instruction using the new schedule that would have gone into effect that day. As a reminder, it is a 6 period rotate and drop [schedule](#).

As per NJ Department of Health guidance ([see page 15- Scenario box 5](#)), and in consultation with the Union County Department of Health, Governor Livingston High School is moving to remote instruction for 14 days. During this time there will be no in-person activities or events for GLHS students. This includes all athletic, extra-curricular and academic events. On Thursday, 11/19 Cohort A students will return to the building for in-person instruction.

Current data and evidence overwhelmingly shows that students in classrooms, wearing masks and exercising reasonable social distancing, are not significantly at risk of spreading or contracting Covid-19 ([article](#)). However, large indoor gatherings, where people are unmasked and in close proximity for long periods of time, frequently result in spreading of the virus.

We hope that there are no further positive tests, and we wish those infected a swift return to health.

I wish everyone a safe long weekend and urge you to remind your children that they need to be vigilant and cautious about practicing social distancing and mask wearing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa Varley