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Subject: School Building Cleared for Reopening

Dear I.S. 119 - QUEENS at 74-01 78 AVENUE Families:

Today I am writing to share an important update about our school building. Since closing the building following multiple unlinked COVID-19 cases in our school community, the NYC Test + Trace Corps (T2) and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) have completed a thorough investigation. **They have determined that the building is clear to reopen for regularly scheduled activities on 1/19/2021.**

Here is guidance from DOHMH, T2, and the New York City Department of Education (DOE) to help clarify next steps:

- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test will not return to the school until they are no longer infectious.
- Close contacts of the person who tested positive have been notified and will continue their 10-day quarantine period. If additional close contacts are identified, they will also be instructed to quarantine for 10 days.
- The NYC Test + Trace Corps partners with community-based organizations to connect quarantining New Yorkers to resources like food, medicine, and health care. To connect with resources, you can call **1-212-COVID19 (212-268-4319)**.

How Do We Stay Healthy?

Please remember to follow these important “Core Four” actions to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

1. **Stay home if sick** (except to get essential medical care, including COVID-19 testing).
2. **Practice social distancing:** Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household.
3. **Wear a face covering** to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
4. **Practice healthy hand hygiene:** Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; avoid touching your face; and cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hands.

How can I stay updated?

We will continue to closely follow directions from public health experts and proactively update you on any measures we are taking. **To ensure we can reach you via text and email, please create a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) as soon as possible by visiting schools.nyc.gov/nycsa.**

For additional information on COVID-19, visit schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus or call 311.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fagan