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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Please review the [MERS Student/Staff COVID-19 Screener](#). If Section 1 criteria are met, a completed [MERS Doctor's COVID-19 Form](#) is needed in order to return to school. The doctor may indicate :

- that the ill child's symptoms are due to an alternate medical condition, not COVID-19, or
- that the ill child has a negative **COVID-19 PCR test**.

Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District follows state and local guidance related to COVID-19 health precautions. We recently received clarification from the Manalapan Health Department on October 4th, that when a student's negative COVID-19 test is needed to return to school, the school must require a PCR test, as the rapid test is not sufficient. Any questions regarding this decision should be directed to the Manalapan Health Department.

Furthermore, the Manalapan Health Department has indicated that COVID-19 cases are rising in Manalapan and the surrounding communities. As always, we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these procedures to keep our MERS community safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly DiMarco"

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