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Families,

As a part of our continued effort to keep you informed, I want to let you know of some changes that are taking place that will affect all Worcester County schools. We have recently been notified by our Health Department that as of Monday, March 1, protocols for schools regarding individuals with COVID-19-like illness (CLI) have changed.

Beginning Monday, schools will no longer be excluding close contacts of individuals with COVID-19-like illness as long as the person who is sick provides proof of medical consultation or a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of becoming ill. Again, this is for COVID-19-like illness *only*. If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, contact tracing, quarantine, and the notification procedures will still take place for close contacts and cohort members.

It is still vital that your child stays home when they are sick and answer the building entry screening honestly. However, until an individual has a positive COVID-19 test result, their close contacts may continue to report to school.

In light of this change, many of the resources we shared with you back in December have also changed. As we remain committed to being open and transparent with you around our procedures regarding COVID-19, we have posted the updated versions of these resources to our website, www.berlinintermediate.org, so you can familiarize yourself with these changes.

As always, don't hesitate to contact our main office at 410-632-5320 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Ryan M. Cowder

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