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Dear Europe West Families,

Maintaining a safe and healthy environment is a top priority. As you are aware, many areas within Europe have been experiencing either a rise or an increase of COVID-19 positive cases. We need to heighten our awareness and continue to stay vigilant with the following host nation and installation guidance.

The importance of employees and parents conducting the pre-screening protocol before coming to school cannot be overemphasized. It is imperative that each family follow the protocols laid out in the DoDEA's "Pre Screening Checklist" before sending students to school. If your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms described in the checklist such as increased fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, sore throat, and the onset of a headache, we ask that you keep them at home as well as their siblings and, if necessary, seek medical attention. In addition, if a family member has been exhibiting COVID symptoms and/or has been tested positive for COVID, students are required to stay home. By sending your child to school when he/she is not feeling well, you may be putting the entire school in jeopardy of closing.

Over the next three months, there are occasions whereby our communities will have long weekends due to student conferences, teacher workdays, and holiday breaks. These long weekends provide families the opportunity to travel. With that being said, please check with your host nation and installation travel guidance when planning your trips. We are experiencing students coming to school after having visited RED ZONES. This can have a negative effect on the school's daily operation such as quarantining students for 14 days and/or closing a classroom or school down due to travel guidance violation. If a student visits a RED ZONE, and we become aware of this, we are required to contact the parent to pick their child and/or children up, and the command will be notified. Students will not be allowed to access school and campus until they have completed host nation and local installation quarantine requirements and have been cleared by public health to return to school.

It's going to take a collaborative effort by students, parents, staff, and community members to ensure that our schools stay safe to continue operating in a face to face environment. We are so grateful for our students, staff, and parents that are working with us to keep children and adults safe and to protect the mission. We are in this together, ensuring the health and safety of all to support the mission.

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