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Dear Skaneateles family,

This week we had record numbers of COVID infections in Onondaga County. Presently Onondaga County has more people testing positive than New York City. We need to work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 or we threaten our ability to continue in-person learning at Skaneateles Schools. As a school district, we want to partner with you and remind you how to keep your families and our community safe. We all need to exercise a heightened sense of caution, especially now as we enter the holiday season.

Our school district, in partnership with infectious disease experts such as Dr. Stephen Thomas (a parent to two Skaneateles students), asks you to consider the following at school and at home:

- Reduce your social circle: Limit your social interactions to the people who you live with and a small group of close friends who are also committed to preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Wear masks: Masks prevent the spread of COVID. If you go out in public wear a mask at all times. If you socialize with people outside of your inner circle and cannot be physically distant from them (more than 6 feet) wear a mask, all the time. Please encourage your children to follow the same procedure.
- Stay home if you are ill: Please do not try to self-diagnose your runny nose, headache, or scratchy throat. In 2020, any of these symptoms could represent a COVID-19 infection. If you or your children have any of these symptoms, please stay home, consult your medical provider, and get tested for COVID-19.
- Holidays: This is a year to consider not traveling for the holidays and to limit the size of your gatherings. Recent holidays have resulted in clear spikes in COVID activity locally and we need to try and prevent this from happening again. New York State has strict rules regarding traveling and travelers. [NY Travel Advisory](#)

It is no secret that our children benefit from in-person instruction. If we can continue to consistently apply these simple interventions we can limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Stronger together,

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