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Dear **Academy for New Americans/PS 234** Community:

The health and safety of our students and staff and everyone in the DOE family across the city, is our top priority. We are committed to ensuring you have the information you need on COVID-19 as we continue to navigate this public health emergency together.

Today we are writing to inform you, out of an abundance of caution, that on 11/13/2020 a member of our school community tested positive for COVID-19. After investigation, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Test and Trace Corps have concluded that there has been NO exposure to the PS 234 school community. Therefore, there are no plans for classroom or school closures and students should continue to attend as regularly scheduled.

It's up to all of us to help keep our school community safe and healthy. Please remember to follow these important "Core Four" actions to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

- Stay home if sick: Monitor your and your child's health and stay home if you are sick or keep them home if they are sick, except for getting essential medical care (including COVID-19 testing) and other essential needs.
- Physical distancing: Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household.
- Wear a face covering: Protect those around you. Wearing a face covering helps reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially if you are sick and don't have symptoms. For more information about face coverings, visit [nyc.gov/health/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/health/coronavirus) and look for "FAQ About Face Coverings."
- Practice healthy hand hygiene: Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hands.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. For additional information on COVID-19, visit [schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus](https://schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus) or call 311. Finally, to ensure we can reach you via text and email about any COVID-19 activity in our school, please set up a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) as soon as possible by visiting [schools.nyc.gov/nycsa](https://schools.nyc.gov/nycsa).

Thank you for your cooperation. Health and safety will always come first in New York City public schools, no matter what.

Sincerely,  
NYCDOE-SITUATION ROOM