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Dear CTECS families and students,

Connecticut's technical high schools are doing all we can to ensure a safe and healthy environment for learning this fall. Through social distancing measures, mask wearing, hand hygiene, small class cohorts and more, we are working hard to limit the community spread of COVID-19. But we can't do this alone.

I am writing you with a simple request. Parents and guardians – if you or someone in your household is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, even if you do not yet have a positive test, we ask that you keep your student home. Students – if you are feeling unwell, or are living with someone that is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive, please stay home from school. By coming to school you may be jeopardizing the health of your friends and teachers. A student that comes to school, even if they are asymptomatic, may have close contact with dozens of students and multiple teachers. If this student then tests positive, numerous people may then have to quarantine, which could possibly endanger the opening status of your school.

Students that stay home will have full access to our distance learning program so they can continue their classes online. As long as they log-in to their classes at the scheduled time they will not be marked absent.

Thank you for your partnership and understanding.

Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent