April 6, 2021

Dear Glen Burnie High School Varsity Football Families:

I am writing to inform you that we have been made aware that a student-athlete in our varsity football program has tested positive for COVID-19. The student-athlete was last a participant in the team’s April 1, 2021, game and was last in a football-related activity at school on April 2, 2021.

As is our ongoing practice when we learn of positive results, we have had conversations with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health as to the proper course of action. Anyone identified as a close contact will be notified and will need to quarantine for 14 days. The quarantine period is not impacted and cannot be reduced by a negative COVID-19 test.

Because the identities of those who were in close contact with the student-athlete who tested positive cannot be definitively determined and out of an abundance of caution, all student-athletes involved in the April 1, 2021, game and/or the April 2, 2021, activity must quarantine for a period of 14 days. The quarantine period is not impacted and cannot be reduced by a negative COVID-19 test. The earliest the varsity football team will be able to gather for in-person activities again will be April 16, 2021.

At this time, we have identified no close contacts outside of the football program. Anyone who was potentially exposed to the student but not identified as a close contact will be notified. Those potentially exposed will not need to quarantine and, absent any symptoms or other illnesses, may continue to be in our school building.

It is important to understand that we are in the midst of a pandemic. All of our programs take the necessary precautions in order to operate and no one is at fault for the spread of this virus. It is in a time like this that we all must support each other, and I know that we will do that.

Additionally, we recommend that everyone involved in the April 1, 2021, game or April 2, 2021, activity be tested for COVID-19. A list of testing sites operated by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health can be found here. Other testing sites are available throughout the county. The quarantine period is unaffected by the results of a COVID-19 test. All persons quarantining must complete the quarantine period without exhibiting symptoms. Please note that an individual’s quarantine timeline could be extended if there is ongoing exposure, such as might occur if a household member is sick with COVID-19.

The athletics program our county has put in place contains protocols that keep individual teams from interacting or sharing spaces with each other. Thus, practices in our other programs will continue with the schedule we have established.

Should you have questions about the operations of our athletic program, please call the school.

Sincerely,

Scott McGuire
Principal

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