



Ridgedale Local School District

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November 13, 2020,

Dear Parents/Guardians and Ridgedale Community:

As we hit the midway part of the month of November we are seeing record spikes of Covid-19 in Marion County and across the State of Ohio. Yesterday alone there were over 7,000 new cases reported in Ohio. After our meeting with Marion Public Health this morning it has been suggested that we continue our current lesson delivery option of all in 5 days/week, but to think about the possibility of adjusting current practice if the current outbreak of Covid-19 continues. As of now we will continue to educate our students every day in person, but this will be a topic of discussion at the Board of Education meeting to be held this coming Monday November 16, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Education will meet in person, and if you would like to join please email me at rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org for that Zoom link. **As a reminder these plans are always subject to change based on public health recommendations or by Governor order.**

At this point at Ridgedale we currently have 3 positive student cases at the Jr/Sr High School which has resulted in 58 students and 1 staff member at the Jr/Sr High and 2 students and 1 staff member at the elementary being quarantined. Half of the Jr/Sr high school quarantined students and staff member will be coming back beginning Monday. For the latest district and Covid-19 information please go to our website www.ridgedaleschools.org, there you will find the district and state of Ohio schools Covid-19 dashboard, which will inform you of all school age Covid-19 cases, at Ridgedale and across the entire state and is updated weekly.

A couple of housekeeping items that I would like to address are as follows.

1. During afternoon student pick-up we have noticed more parents parking their cars and having their children walk between the cars in the pick-up line. This is a safety concern and I ask that parents please remain in the pick-up line until your child is brought to you. We had a drop-off/pick-up committee meeting on Monday and are looking at ways to relieve that congestion behind the building.
2. As we head toward the winter months and are still holding outside recess, I would like to remind parents to provide your children with coats and hats to wear. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are not able to loan these items to our students. If you need assistance with winter clothing needs please contact the board office and we will see what assistance we can provide.

As we work to provide a safe learning environment for our students, we will continue to evaluate the Covid-19 situation moving forward. I would like to personally thank the students, teachers, support staff, administrators and the Ridgedale Community as a whole for the continued success of everyday in person learning. It's Great to be a Rocket! Have a great evening!

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton; Superintendent
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