

Parent/Staff Announcement

Thursday, April 15, 2021

After careful review of our local and district Covid-19 data, the completion of the CMDHD School Decision Making Tool and consultation with Dr. Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP, the medical director for CMDHD, it has been determined that both the middle and high school will return to face to face instruction beginning next Monday, April 19th. Students currently in quarantine will be required to complete their quarantine period prior to returning to school.

Any parent who has a F2F student wishing to switch to Bluejay Online is welcome to do so. Please talk with your building administrator for details about this process.

As mentioned in the message released this past Tuesday, we will continue to monitor our daily and weekly Covid-19 numbers, as well as work with CMDHD. Shepherd Public Schools continues to follow all state guidelines for contact tracing and quarantining. A negative antigen test does not overrule the quarantine requirement if a student is a “close contact” of someone who tests positive.

Athletes please arrive at school Monday morning between 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. for antigen testing. It's imperative that all athletes and coaches strictly adhere to Covid-19 safety protocols at all times. The spread of this virus is not happening at our athletic events or in our schools, it's happening when people decide to let their guard down outside of school.

We continue to ask our students and families to remain diligent about following all Covid-19 mitigation strategies. Please check your student's temperature each morning. If they show any symptoms - fever, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue, body aches, congestion or runny nose, loss of taste or smell - please STAY HOME and get tested.

Thank you again for your continued patience and support this school year.

Greg McMillan
Interim Superintendent