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Good Afternoon Noble Public Schools,

Week #3 of the 2021-2022 school year has now been completed. Our numbers on Monday, August 30, 2021, pending notices this weekend will be: 44 confirmed student positives, 3 confirmed staff member positives, 258 students and 1 member of staff on recommended quarantine, due to Contact Tracing and Exposure. Quarantine for exposure is highly recommended, but no longer mandated, per the Cleveland County Health Department, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Mandatory masking is not allowed this year as a result of legislation passed this spring. This applies to students and staff. Please consider quarantining when exposed and masking when around other people.

Rules, regulations, procedures and protocols are continuing to change. We are working with our local medical professionals, we continue to communicate with the Cleveland County Health Department, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control. We are aware that today's procedures may not be tomorrow's procedures. We are aware that this leads to frustration and discontent.

**Strongly consider wearing a mask, being vaccinated if able and willing, maintaining Social Distance at every opportunity, and practicing great habits of personal hygiene. As we have informed you since Day 1, we must do everything possible to continue In Person Instruction. Our students less than 12 years of age do not have the option to vaccinate, so we must do everything we can do to protect them. I am wearing my mask every time I am around students or staff, and I am pleading for you to do the same.**

It is extremely important that if anyone in your family is exposed, is positive, or is displaying any type of sickness, that they remain at home until they have been cleared. We are continuing to see students return to school after being exposed, and without quarantining, and then testing positive. Please do not take a chance of bringing any type of sickness into our schools. If anyone in your family is being tested or you are waiting on test results, please keep all children home until results have been received. We are depending upon each other to be fight off this virus, and the devastating impact it can have. If exposed students quarantine, their absences will not be counted against them, and they will be provided an opportunity to complete their coursework.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. None of us like the situation we are in but working together we have a much better chance. Go Bears!

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