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We will begin with clarification on many issues that we have received questions on and then update our Covid numbers district wide.

Plan-biweekly updates—We plan to provide biweekly updates via social media and our newsfeed. Campuses will work to provide information biweekly as well, allowing you to have both district and campus information.

Case information—Updates will be based on current confirmed positive cases that are in quarantine. Once an individual has cleared all protocols, we will remove that person from our counts.

Quarantine time—A clarification is needed—in the case of a positive test where someone is already showing symptoms, we can use the first day of symptoms as day zero. Asymptomatic cases remain 10 days after positive test.

Testing multiple times—Beginning August 30, 2021, we will accept only the first results of any Covid testing you provide. Many people use the rapid test and it is a good tool. The PCR tests which can take up to 24-48 hours is known for greater accuracy. Please be aware that once you report your test results to us, we will not change quarantine timelines.

Notification to families—Campuses will send home notification when a case has been confirmed. Without contact tracing it is difficult to say with confidence who was a close contact. When we cannot be sure of who a close contact, we will notify everyone by grade level/campus and through district updates.

Currently

- High School—We have 3 confirmed student cases: Juniors (2) and Sophomore (1); and 1 confirmed employee case
- Junior High—We have 5 confirmed student cases: 7th graders (3); 6th graders (2). We have 2 confirmed employees
- Elementary and Intermediate currently have no confirmed cases

Again, we stress that we will continue to clean and disinfect campuses. We have daily meetings to discuss conditions, solutions, etc. If we have a situation where we are confident of an exposure, we will call and discuss specifically with parents. Again, we encourage everyone to:

- be vigilant and wise.
- practice good hygiene
- decide if masking or vaccination is appropriate for you
- communicate with your campus

Above all, please do not come to school if your child has any illness! We know not everything is Covid but staying home when ill is a commonsense practice for all students and staff. Thank you as always.

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