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Community High School District 117 Families,

This is the last District communication of the year! I hope your family had a meaningful winter break and are eager to return to school. The District is looking forward to students resuming in-person learning on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Unlike colleges and universities, there are no whole school remote learning options available to K-12 schools this year because the focus continues to be on maximizing in-person teaching and learning in a healthy and safe environment while minimizing interruptions. In-person learning best supports students both academically and socially and emotionally.

Consistent to last semester, the District is committed to following the IDPH recommended layered mitigation strategies in an effort to support and maximize in-person learning. Schools can help limit COVID -19 transmission by layering the following effective prevention strategies:

- Promoting COVID-19 vaccination
- Consistent and correct use of masks
- Physical distancing
- Screening testing and symptomatic testing
- Increased ventilation
- Frequent handwashing
- Staying home when sick and getting tested
- Testing and contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine
- Increased cleaning and sanitizing of school facilities.

We are aware of the increase in COVID-19 cases both locally and throughout the country, as well as the understandable fears, concerns and frustration associated with this ongoing pandemic. Similar to last semester, the District will continue to work closely with the Lake County Department of Health as rules and guidance continue to change to best meet the needs of students and staff.

Many know that the CDC recently updated recommendations regarding the length of quarantine time for those who test positive or are considered close contacts. School districts await guidance to whether these changes apply to schools. We continue to work closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) and will share with you any updated school guidance we receive.

If you have any specific questions please contact your building administration. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire staff, we hope for a successful and healthy 2022!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim McKay  
Superintendent



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