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COVID UPDATE—We have seen an increase of cases, particularly in adults. However, this is not to say that we have not had some student cases. We still see that cases of this Covid variant remain highly contagious.

- Elementary—Staff: 3 Active cases. Students: 3 Active cases (1-2nd grader, 2-3rd graders)
- Intermediate—Staff: 2 Active cases. Students: 1 Active case (1—5th grader)
- Junior High—Staff: 3 Active cases. Students: 1 Active case (1-7th grader)
- High School—Staff: 3 active cases. Students: 6 Active cases (2-9th graders, 4-12th graders)
- Non-specific campus staff: 2 Active cases
- An active case will leave this list upon the return to school. We expect that many staff members will be returning over the next 2-3 school days.

UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS—We were informed last Friday evening that TEA updated the general health protocols for staff. There has been no change in student protocols. Brief reminder:

STUDENTS

- TEA no longer provides for contact tracing or close contact for students. We will attempt to contact people directly if a positive case informs us of any circumstances that they are aware of occurring. In general, we will provide information concerning the number of cases and where they occurred (such as this letter).
- For students—there is no required close contact stay at home period. You may inform us that your student is a close contact and that you desire to quarantine, if you choose to do so. A close contact is not required to stay home by the school (if they have NO symptoms.)
- If a student tests positive for Covid, he or she is still required to quarantine for 10 days. The first day of symptoms becomes Day 0. If a student has no symptoms but tests positive, the date of the test is considered Day 0. A student may return to school after day 10, providing the student is fever free (without medicine) and if symptoms have gotten better.

STAFF MEMBERS

- A staff member who is a close contact is handled differently. A staff member who is a close contact should test every other day. If they test negative, they can remain at school. According to TEA and CDC if a staff member is fully vaccinated OR has had Covid within 90 days of close contact, they do not test. The testing period is every other day for 5 days.
- A staff member who tests positive for Covid must quarantine until after Day 5 (Again Day 0 is the day symptoms began OR the day of positive test if no symptoms). They can return ONLY if there is no fever and symptoms are better.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS—A special congratulations to our New Waverly High School Cheer team who placed 10th in UIL State Championship. Even more impressively, they were chosen BEST in the state for Fight Song for 3A division 2. WAY TO GO CHEERLEADERS AND SPONSORS!

It is anticipated to be very cold this weekend, so please stay warm! And don't forget that we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday. No school until Tuesday, January 18!

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