

October 20, 2021

Dear Parents:

The first quarter is over! Hard to believe that we are one fourth of the way through the year! Here are a few important updates and reminders:

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Please make sure you have signed up for your PT conference sometime this week. These conferences are critical for the school-home partnership so that all students can thrive!

Fall Break - No classes October 25-October 29. Friendly reminder that we will not have any classes during this time. We will be back on our normal schedule again on November 1.

New Covid Close Contact Policy for Grades 1-8:

This policy applies to school staff and students in grades 1-8 who are a close contact to someone with Covid who DOES NOT reside in the same household.

Vaccinated Students: Vaccinated students who are a close contact may attend school and must test on days 1 and 5-7. It is recommended to test at school and take both the rapid and PCR tests. Test results must be screenshot and sent to the nurses office immediately upon receiving the results. If symptoms develop, students must quarantine and retest with PCR.

Unvaccinated Students:

- Once a close contact is discovered, student must be tested before entering school.
- If discovered during the school day, student must leave and have rapid and PCR test done at school or off-site on day one. If test result is negative, student may return to school immediately.
- Student is required to test daily using at least a rapid test until after day 7 at which time they may continue at school as normal.
- Monitor for symptoms. If any symptoms develop, must leave school immediately, quarantine at home, have a PCR test done. Any symptoms that develop before the 14 day surveillance period is complete are considered to be potential Covid rather than allergies, cold, bad food, etc.
- Test results must be screenshot and sent to the nurses office immediately upon receiving the results. This is for all the tests in this policy. MC text to Jayne at 414-255-6722, TNC and Harambee to Nancy at 414-416-7659, with Name, Date of test taken, and Result visible. If emailing the subject line is to include Individual's Name, Date of Test taken, Result.
- If the demand for on-site testing exceeds the school's capacity to test, individuals may be required to test off-site and submit results.

Similar policies are in force in other schools in Milwaukee and throughout the country and are supported by research.

I hope and pray that your parent-teacher conferences are positive and that you have a safe and enjoyable Fall Break.

Sincerely,

Henry Tyson
Superintendent