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Dear Gladstone Braves families:

With all of the recent changes in guidance around COVID-19, we wanted to provide an update on how we will be handling different circumstances going forward.

We will be requiring all students and staff who test positive to isolate at home for at least 5 days, returning only after symptom improvement and fever free for 24 hours. When a positive student or staff member returns between days 6 and 10, it is required that they wear a mask. If a mask cannot or will not be worn during days 6-10, then they must continue to isolate at home for the full 10 days.

Because of the surge in cases, and due to the changing nature of the virus and symptoms, guidance for close contacts depends on exposure setting, vaccination status, recent COVID infection, and relative proximity to the positive case. For the most part, exposure in a school setting is now considered to be lower-risk. The school will continue to identify close contacts of a positive case within the school and will notify parents accordingly. Since PHDMC will not be investigating individual cases, it will be up to parents to monitor for symptoms, and to get students tested if symptoms occur.

The Health Department will only notify families if there is a special circumstance that warrants quarantine. We will continue to cooperate with the Health Department, and work in partnership with parents, to provide a safe and educational environment for our students. We are grateful for the understanding and support shown by our Braves families, and will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your support.

Jay Kulbertis

Dr. Jay Kulbertis, Superintendent