



Good morning!

Just a short note about the notifications we received over the weekend...

### **COVID Case Count Updates**

Over the weekend, we received notifications of 9 new positive cases in the district as follows:

- We received notification that 4 students at the High School tested positive for Covid. All 4 students were present in school last week while infectious. Contact tracing was not fully completed at the time of this writing. Parents will be notified this morning if their children are identified as close contacts.
- We received notification that two students at the Middle School tested positive for Covid. One of the students was not in school while infectious, so no contact tracing was needed. The other student was in school while infectious. However, Dr. Garman and Dr Eckenroth had not fully completed contact tracing at the time of this writing. They will notify parents this morning if their children are identified as close contacts.
- We received notification that a Marion-Walker Elementary student tested positive for Covid. The student was in school while infectious. Mrs. Krisch completed contact tracing and notified parents if their children were identified as close contacts yesterday.
- Late Friday, we received notification that 2 students at Pleasant Gap Elementary tested positive for Covid. One of the students was not in school all of last week, so the student wasn't in school while infectious. The other student was in school last week. Dr. Besch completed contact tracing and notified parents if their children were identified as close contacts.

The total number of students quarantined as a result of being identified as a close contact in these cases was not determined at the time of this writing. I will give that updated information in Friday's email. And, as mentioned in the past, please note that

some of the cases are a result of a family member, in some cases a sibling, testing positive first.

We need to work together and get through these next few weeks, one day at a time. **We are urging parents to work with us and support all personal safety measures.** Additionally, please note that parents **must** keep their students home if they are sick or have any symptoms. They **must** keep their students home if they are awaiting test results or if someone in the house has tested positive. They also should keep their students home if someone in the house is sick and awaiting test results or if the parents have any notion that their student may have been exposed to a positive case.

Barring any breaking news, I'll send my next update letter or a brief email on Friday, as usual. As always, thank you so very much for your continued support, patience and understanding through these very challenging times. I hope you have a marvelous Monday and a great week ahead!

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