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Dear Moravia Families,

In the interest of continuous transparency regarding the recent uptick in district cases, we are recommending additional mitigation strategies to keep our community safe.

The focus has been on what has proven effective in the past, which includes disinfection of facilities, the recommendation for masks when social distancing is compromised, and the utilization of additional rapid tests for early detection.

In addition, here are our current protocols to support our school community.

- An individual with a positive test is still required to isolate for 5 days, and then can return to school/school activities days 6-10 if improving, but MUST wear a well fitting mask until day 10 while at school/school activities.
- An exposed or potentially exposed individual REGARDLESS of vaccination status is to wear a well fitting mask at school/school activities for 10 days after the last date of their exposure and be tested as recommended. Note-if it's a household exposure, the exposed individual has to wear a mask for 15 days as they are considered exposed up until the positive individual's day 5, and it is 10 additional days after the LAST date of exposure. Testing is recommended upon learning of exposure or potential exposure and 5 days after exposure. If an individual is symptomatic they should refrain from coming to school and be tested.
- Whenever an individual is expected or required to wear a mask, the mask is also to be worn on school transport in addition to in school/school activities. The mask may be removed when eating, drinking, singing, going outside, or playing a wind instrument. When masks are removed for these purposes, physical distancing of 6 or more feet should be maintained.

Again, this letter is not meant to alarm but rather to inform everyone of the most recent data in our region. We know what works to eliminate risks and we ask our community to partner with us to keep everyone safely in school.

Sincerely yours,

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