



Dear Riverview Community,

We hope that you were able to safely enjoy some much-needed downtime with family and friends, including good food and hopefully some good fun. We wanted to reach out to you briefly prior to the return to school tomorrow to highlight some important information:

1. **New CDC Isolation Guidelines for COVID Positive Individuals** – As you may have heard, on December 31st the CDC released new isolation guidelines regarding Covid positive individuals. Those with positive cases of COVID-19 will now isolate for 5 days, and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), they will follow that isolation with 5 days of wearing a well-fitted mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter (which is required in school, but also required outside of school). Therefore, if your child has any symptoms, please have them stay home and try to get them tested. Remember, we are able to administer PCR tests in school, and you can make arrangements with our health staff to do so. For all Covid-related issues, please contact the school health staff and continue to be open and transparent. They are knowledgeable and will walk you through all of the current protocols and guidelines. The new guidelines allow us to remain safe while keeping additional students in seats.
2. **Sports and Athletic Activities**– Covid positive students participating in sports, however, must isolate from sports for the maximum 10 days. This accounts for masks not being worn during competition and the fact that participants are sweating, breathing hard, yelling, etc.
3. **Vaccinations** – As we have been broadcasting, vaccinations are safe and continue to remain the best protection against the virus. We continue to encourage all families and students to be fully vaccinated. This includes booster shots. Vaccinations also allow for exposures and asymptomatic individuals to avoid isolation and stay in school and extracurricular activities. That's a game changer. We also expect that booster shots for children between 12-15 years old will be approved in the next two weeks as well. We will alert you if and when that announcement occurs.

4. **Learning Models** – We are currently staying with in-person learning options at this time, as the hybrid and virtual models have costs that we have learned are troubling and difficult to recover from. Teachers will be prepared to manage students being out with cases or symptoms, and will remain cognizant of the additional demands placed on students. That being said, if cases rise to levels where we cannot staff our buildings or have inordinate numbers of students home, we will consider these options and as most of you have experienced, we are fully equipped to do so. For now, however, we will continue with our current learning model and monitor cases and isolations carefully.

Riverview will continue to ensure our spaces are safe and “close contacts” do not occur at school. Please continue to do your part at home by making sure vaccinations and boosters are up to date, remaining open and communicative with our health staff, and encouraging the use of masks in all indoor settings. Masks continue to be universally [endorsed by our medical and educational experts](#) and help to keep us from unnecessarily spreading airborne pathogens (and are required in all school settings). If we all do our part to trust each other, stay safe, communicate openly, and get vaccinated, we can keep our schools and activities running and allow for some semblance of normalcy.

Please enjoy the final hours of the winter break. As always, we appreciate your continued support of the Riverview School District. Please continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe.

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration