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Dear Families and Staff,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Please note the latest community health updates as we begin a new school year.

Highlights

- COVID-19 has been completely integrated into the list of Communicable Diseases that schools monitor for. We will continue to monitor and follow guidelines put out by ODE and OHA but due to reduced risk as well as increased information and resources to manage infection and spread, many of the guidelines have been modified to reflect this change.
- COVID-19 is no longer a reportable disease and no longer requires five days of isolation. This means that someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not have to report their positive test to the local public health authority. Schools also no longer have to report positive COVID-19 tests to their local public health authority.
- Students who become ill with COVID-19 should stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours and their symptoms are improving. **A five-day isolation period is no longer recommended for individuals infected with COVID-19.** Individuals with COVID-19 should also avoid contact with people at increased risk for severe disease and consider masking for 10 days to reduce the spread of the disease.
- We will continue to encourage robust handwashing opportunities and the maintaining of a clean environment. We will also continue to the use of our classroom HEPA air filters.
- We will still offer on-site Quick Tests for COVID-19 if needed for an ill student and we will offer exposure testing to any students who would like.
- The voluntary weekly COVID testing sponsored by OHA and OHSU is no longer a funded program. There will be no weekly testing.

Thank you for your continued support and care of our community. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. As always, please email or call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sister Therese Gutting, FSE and Carrie Crimin, RN