

River Bend Families,

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The CDC has come out with new school guidance that modifies quarantine and isolation times. The Illinois Dept. of Public Health and ISBE will be updating school guidance to align with the new CDC guidance. At the moment of writing this update, IDPH and ISBE have not provided an updated version of this guidance.

This document was received today and will need to be reviewed and operationalized for our students and staff. We will work as quickly as we can to digest and apply the new guidance to current positive cases and any new positive cases and exposures once ISBE/IDPH makes the final guidance available. River Bend will continue to use the test to stay options to help students remain on-site.

Additionally on Thursday, January 13th Crossview Church in Fulton IL will be hosting a vaccination clinic. All three types of vaccinations and boosters will be available. An informational flier for the event is attached to the letter.

Quick status update on our schools positivity rates and quarantines

FES- students out due to Covid or quarantine: 43

staff out due to Covid or quarantine: 5 (3 returning Monday)

RBMS- students out due to Covid or quarantine: 20

staff out due to Covid or quarantine: 0

FHS- students out due to Covid or quarantine: 24

staff out due to Covid or quarantine: 2

As of today, we are able to continue offering in-person learning and hope to continue. However, if staffing cannot support in-person learning classes, buildings and or the district may have to use remote options. Remote options will be used for as short a period of time as possible.

The schools continue to encourage students and staff to wear masks and keep themselves and others protected. Mask wearing at after school events has been about 50-60% compliance. Because we have seen such a positive number of student and staff Covid cases, I ask that while at our events you respect the guidelines and continue wearing your mask when around others and moving through our spaces.

I am hopeful that the latest surge will be over soon and we can begin to revert to normal day to day school operations.

Thank you,

Darryl Hogue