

March 25, 2021

Dear SDNB families,

Following a steep decline shortly after the holidays, COVID-19 positive cases and quarantines in our district have plateaued at manageable lows. This has a lot to do with the diligence our students, staff and families have maintained related to mask wearing, washing hands and social distancing, coupled with the increased availability of the vaccine.



We could not be more proud that we have stayed open for nearly seven months with minimal disruptions or changes to our school year calendar. That said, we want to once again thank families for their willingness to adjust their schedules earlier this month to allow our teaching staff to participate in an onsite, COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Approximately 200 licensed educators received their first dose of the vaccine March 9. Dozens more non-teaching staff were able to do the same shortly thereafter.

As we continue to echo Waukesha County's mantra of "stay safe to stay open", having our staff vaccinated is just another important safety step in that process.

As a reminder, the teaching staff members who received their first vaccine dose March 9, are **scheduled to receive their second dose Thursday, April 1**. As communicated previously, that day is now an asynchronous virtual learning day for all students, with the exception of those who have IEPs that dictate otherwise. Spring break begins the following day, Friday, April 2, and classes resume Monday, April 12.

Rest-of-Year Safety Actions

Even as some CDC suggestions related to social distancing and other safety measures are being scaled back, and even as more people receive the vaccination, our current plans for the remainder of the school year are to maintain the status quo. With support from Waukesha County officials after several conversations with them, we will stick with what has worked all school year long - masking, social distancing, limiting visitors, using plexiglass partitions, and more - through the last day of school, Friday, June 11.

Should the County change its stance on any significant safety precautions between now and then, we will take their suggestions into consideration. Until, or if, that time comes, we expect our students, staff and families to continue to follow the practices and procedures that have been in place since September.

Spring Break Precautions

As we get closer to spring break we ask families to be aware and consider the CDC's guidelines related to quarantining [following domestic and international travel](#). Additionally, the Waukesha County Health Department has issued its suggestions for families considering spring break travel that you can read [HERE](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support and flexibility during this unique school year.

Sincerely,

Joe Garza
Superintendent



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