



# FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Forest Park Families,

We would like to express our gratitude for the hard work of the Forest Park Staff and our families for working with us and doing the best we can to keep our students as safe as possible while also giving them the best learning experience possible. Recently we have seen an increased level of positive Covid cases in our school and community. These cases are being reported from at home rapid testing, school-based rapid testing, and medical community based rapid or PCR testing. If your child is at school or in the community, it is likely you can assume they have been in close contact with someone who is Covid positive.

While we have done our best to provide on-site testing and contact tracing along with communication with families about positive cases, we have been unable to contact trace in a timely manner and control the spread. In addition, this contact tracing has required a tremendous amount of time from our staff and has limited our ability to care for other students in need and focus on education. As a result, we will be changing our focus to testing only symptomatic students.

If available, the district will provide a rapid Covid test to students/staff who are symptomatic. This will occur only with parent permission or if the waiver is on file. Positive individuals will be required to quarantine according to the current recommendations.

The district will continue to report positive cases on our website and alert parents of a positive case in their child's classroom. We will no longer perform contact tracing at school. Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home from school until they feel better.

We have been fortunate to remain open for in-person learning during the recent spike in positive cases we have been experiencing. Forest Park will continue to follow the cleaning protocols and safety procedures as outlined in our FP Operations plan. We will continue to stay open for in-person learning as long as we are able to obtain required attendance and have the proper staff necessary to run the school safely. We are hopeful these changes will allow our nurse to care for the individuals who need it most and our instructional staff to focus on teaching and learning. Please contact administration if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christy Larson, Superintendent

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