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Dear Satori Students and Families,

We are almost one month into the second semester of school and what a month it has been. I wanted to send out an email and let everyone know about the new PCHD guidance. It is confusing and seems to change weekly, but I feel it is still important for everyone to see it as of today. In the past, I have been sending out emails to the families when we have had a positive case of COVID at Satori, but it has been recommended by PCHD to just focus on close contact students since cases in Tucson schools have gone from about 100 cases a day to 2,400 cases a day, and schools can't keep up. That being said, Yes, we have had quite a few cases of COVID at Satori but have had very few close contacts due to the solid mitigation plan we have in place. We have been in daily contact with PCHD about our cases and they have stated we are doing the best we can (which is above most schools) and to keep doing it.

Here are the current mitigation plans which coincide with PCHD guidelines as well.

For 5-year-olds through 8th grade

If a child tests positive for COVID -19:

- Student must stay home and isolate for 5 days--this is regardless of vaccination status. Day of positive test or 1st symptoms is day 0
- Student may return to school on day 6 with a non-cloth mask, they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication, and any other symptoms are improving or resolved.

If a child has been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive and is vaccinated (more than 2 weeks after second vaccine):

- Student may come to school and stay masked with non-cloth mask.
- Student must stay home if any symptoms appear and test.
- Student must test on day 5 (do not test before this if there are no symptoms). Day of last contact is day 0.

If a child has been in contact with someone who is COVID -19 positive and is NOT vaccinated (or it has been less than 2 weeks since second vaccine):

- Student must stay home for 5 days and test on 5th day. Last day of exposure is Day 0
- Student may return to school on day 6 with a non-cloth mask if they have no symptoms.
- If any symptoms appear, students must stay home and test.

For students ages 2 ½ through 4

If a child tests positive for COVID-19: Stay home (isolate) for 10 days

- Day of positive test is considered day 0



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- Child may return to school after day 10 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without medication and any other symptoms are improving or resolved.

If a child is exposed to someone who tested positive to COVID-19: Stay home and quarantine for 10 days

- Child may test on or after days 5-7 post-exposure
- If test result is negative, child may return to school on day 8
- If the child is too young to test, or tests are unavailable, stay home for the full 10- day quarantine.

If you are having a hard time understanding or have questions, please reach out and ask to speak to me or Regina.

Thank you for all your support,

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