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Dear Antioch CCSD 34 Staff and Families,

We hope this communication finds you well. We want to again take the opportunity to thank you for a wonderful start to the school year. We are very grateful to be offering in-person instruction and appreciate everything that has collectively been done to work on sustaining it. Our focus continues to be on the minimization of any disruption to our learning model and a commitment to high quality instruction and learning opportunities for our students.

Through the various mitigations we have in place, we continue to keep student, staff, and family wellness and safety top of mind. We also strive to be transparent in the information we communicate. As it relates to COVID-19 cases in our schools, we are looking to make some adjustments in what is shared. We have heard feedback, been in consultation with various agencies and school districts, and want to ensure we are equipping families and staff with as much information as possible, while acknowledging the privacy needs and sensitivity of these situations, as well.

When we are notified of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis of a student or staff member, we immediately begin the process of contact tracing. This includes a comprehensive look at seating charts (classroom, cafeteria, bus, etc.), classroom arrangements, and movement throughout the building on a given day. All preliminary [close contacts](#) are identified and immediately notified, per the Communicable Disease Code. In consultation with the Lake County Health Department, final decisions are made on close contacts, in addition to follow up regarding any necessary isolations, quarantines, and/or test-to-stay candidates.

In addition to ensuring we are notifying close contacts, on a daily basis, we populate our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), sharing building-level information regarding cases and quarantines. In the interest of providing additional information for staff and families, the dashboard will now include impacted grade-levels and bus routes. Our goal is to provide as much information as we can as students, staff, and families are monitoring any symptoms, making decisions around when to get tested, and staying cognizant of any potential exposure outside of what would be defined as a close contact.

[Dashboard](#) Information:

- *Due to issues with how the dashboard displays when embedded on the website, the website will have a link to the live dashboard. Additionally, [this link](#) will take you directly to the dashboard, bypassing the website.*
- *Scrolling and navigation will be enhanced by our ability to freeze key columns and rows.*
- ***For positive student cases, any number other than zero will have a ‘note’ attached to it (indicated by a small black triangle in the upper right corner of the cell). If you hover over the number or cell, on a computer, you will see a pop up with the specific case information. On a cell phone, you may have to click on the cell and select ‘note’ to view the case specific information. This information will include impacted grade level and bus route (note: bus routes are specific to school).***

*Why share grade-level information and not class level?*

- *At the elementary schools, in addition to the Upper Grade School, students move throughout the day and occupy a variety of spaces. Whether in the cafeteria, during specials and encores classes, out for recess, etc., students are with both classroom and grade-level peers at various times. By identifying the grade-level and bus route information, we aim to cover all potential non-close contact exposures to a positive case. Again, all [close contacts](#) will immediately be notified by school staff.*

Families may always contact building administration with questions and/or for additional information, to the extent it can be shared.

We continue to ask anyone with any symptoms of illness to please stay home. Additionally, we respectfully request that any positive COVID-19 cases in your household be reported to the school office as soon as possible.

If you are seeking a location for a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov). Additionally, there is a vaccination clinic scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Antioch Community High School ([see flyer](#) for more information).

Through our layered mitigations, diligent follow up, sharing of information, and continued communication, we are focused on sustaining our in-person learning model. We thank you for your support in keeping everyone well and your partnership in making this a great school year.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent