Dear Mercymount Families:

We hope you all had a wonderful summer!  It is crazy to think we are entering our 3rd

school year with COVID protocols in place, but the good news is that they are less than

previous years, and we feel these protocols line up with local guidance, and will have minimal

impact in person learning in comparison to years past.

Please take time to carefully read this short list of protocols we will be following.  Of

course, as guidance changes we will have to adjust, but we are very hopeful that these

will not become stricter.

1.  Any student or staff with multiple symptoms of COVID will be asked to go home and

test for COVID.  An at home rapid test is acceptable.  If you do not have any test kits at

home, we will send your child home with one.  We will not be testing at school.  If the

test is negative, your child is fever free for 24 hours, and symptoms are improving they

may return to school.

2.  If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to remain home for 5 days from

the onset of symptoms (with the first day of symptoms being day 0).   If they test and

are asymptomatic, then the day that they are tested is day 0.  A student may then return

to school on day 6 if symptoms are improved, and will be asked to wear a mask on days

6-10.

3. If a family member in the household tests positive for COVID, your child may attend

school regardless of vaccine status.  We ask that the student wear a mask for 10 days,

stay home if symptoms develop and test.  If there are no symptoms test on days

5-7 as a precaution.   Note:  This is a change from last year’s guidance.

We will continue with Medify air filters in every learning space and daily wiping down of

frequently touched surfaces through the school and classrooms.

Please reach out with any concerns or questions about these protocols.

Healthy Regards,

Nurse Kellie and Nurse Gina

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