



Maclay Community,

I know if there is one thing Maclay generates, it is a lot of information. With the beginning of any school year, there is a steep learning curve as everyone learns the new rhythm of their classes, elevated classroom expectations, pickup/drop-off procedures...you name it – they are all at least a refresher, if not brand new. All of this comes with a lot of information. So, I want to be mindful of that and be efficient in my note to you today.

COVID-19 has certainly rewritten what is normal for all of us and we are committed to educating and providing for our community in extraordinary ways. As we continue into the school year, we will provide ongoing resources for you to help your family make decisions that are best for your situation.

We are launching three of these resources this week:

1. Beginning today, the **Wednesday Webinar Series** will bring regular information to the community for COVID related issues, provide a forum for guests to help educate our community, and a platform for questions to be answered. Each week, there will be a link in the E-News to submit your questions. Some of the Wednesday Webinars will be pre-recorded and some will be live. All recordings will be posted on the Maclay Covid-19 page.

2. The **COVID-19 Response Playbook** has been published and uploaded to our COVID-19 webpage. This is a simple but rich resource that provides definitions, protocols, and scenarios of how both the school and you would respond to a COVID case in your family. As with all COVID resources, the Playbook is posted on the Maclay Covid-19 page.

3. In an effort to provide families with actionable information as they choose the level of participation for their child(ren) in brick & mortar classes or joining via the Concurrent Virtual Classroom, we are creating a **dashboard of data** to look at as a school to inform our decisions. This will be located within our Schoology Community. Parents, students, faculty, and staff can login through Schoology directly or through our Maclay Covid-19 page, so you will be able to access this information any time. Our goal is transparency, but also to protect the privacy of those in our community who are included in some of these numbers. We will have the dashboard up by the end of the week and will continue to tweak it to make it as useful as possible. Per our policy, any adult or student who is identified as a close contact or a potential exposure in the classroom environment or other activities on campus is contacted immediately after our notification of a positive case via our contact tracing protocols.

We continue to be committed to the best educational experience in the region, and we

thank you for your support of our faculty as they work hard to be heroes for your children.

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