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Dear RCS Families,

The warmer weather is a wonderful indication that springtime is definitely upon us. As a reminder, students will be off from school next week, from March 27 – April 4, to enjoy spring recess. **Classes will resume on April 5.**

For those families who may be traveling domestically or internationally, we ask that you please familiarize yourself with the following information: [The White House Executive Order on Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel](#), and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) After You Travel](#).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), even with no symptoms, people (including children) can pose a risk to others for 14 days after travel. We appreciate our families doing their part to help keep COVID-19 numbers at bay. Please remember to wear a mask, distance yourself from others outside your household as much as possible, wash your hands, and stay home when sick.

On March 20, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provided testing guidance for schools under an epidemic order. **Starting the week of April 5, 2021, RCS will begin the COVID-19 testing program for student-athletes.** Tests are ordered through the Oakland Intermediate School District and are free of charge to athletes and schools.

- All RCS student-athletes, ages 13-19, must participate in the testing program in order to play, regardless of whether they are masked or unmasked and playing a contact or non-contact sport.
- Testing will be performed on a weekly basis until further direction is provided from the state. One test per week per athlete is required to participate.
- Prior to beginning the testing program, athletes are required to complete a consent form and a code of conduct.
- Forms will be sent to players and parents from coaches and maintained by the athletic director at the respective school. Athletes should check their email for additional information.

As a community courtesy, **optional COVID-19 testing will be offered on Tuesday, April 6, from 12 – 6 p.m. at the Administration Building, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester.** Testing is provided through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), in a partnership with the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD). Rochester Community Schools is the host site. Honu Management Group will provide diagnostic testing through an MDHHS contract.

Any community member may participate in the testing program, and there are no out-of-pocket expenses. Individuals will remain in their car for the duration of the testing. Advance registration is preferred by going to: <http://honumg.info/RochesterSD>. Please check your email for additional information.

There are several COVID-19 reporting resources used in Rochester Community Schools.

1. State-mandated reporting. We continue to follow the MDHHS epidemic order to provide public notice of school-associated COVID-19 cases that have been formally reported to RCS by the OCHD. These are shared within 24 hours of notification. MDHHS specifications define school-associated cases and how they must be shared. This state-mandated information is updated when new cases are reported by the OCHD. The chart is located on our [website](#).
2. Weekly district summaries. We also share voluntary summaries of district trends, which are separate from the required state reporting. This information may help our community by providing a localized understanding of the impact of positive COVID-19 cases and quarantined individuals within our district. It is important to note that this chart, which is shared weekly, is reflective of a single point in time and may change at a moment's notice due to the current public health environment.
3. School-specific cases and close contacts. Individual school communities are notified of building-specific cases as they occur, and individuals who may be close contacts will receive instructions.

The following COVID-19 information is from March 25, 2021, at 12 p.m.

In-person COVID-19 Reporting – March 25, 2021, at 12 p.m.				
STUDENTS	POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES	PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION	QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)	PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION
Grades 0 – 5	43	0.78%	124	2.26%
Grades 6 – 8	27	0.93%	230	7.98%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	51	1.20%	195	4.59%
STAFF	POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES	PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION	QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)	PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION
Grades 0 – 5	9	1.31%	7	1.02%
Grades 6 – 8	1	0.41%	4	1.65%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	2	0.40%	0	0.00%
Other*	6	1.36%	1	0.22%

*Other includes: administration, transportation, food services, custodial, and facility operations center

Have a wonderful spring break week, safely doing the things that bring you joy.

Sincerely,
 Debi Fragomeni
 Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning