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BH Staff and Parents,

School districts throughout the state are realizing the Delta COVID variant has different characteristics and Barbers Hill ISD is no exception. The chief difference is the rapid nature in which it spreads. We monitor the data continually and are in constant contact with health officials and the numbers continue to suggest that the impact on school age children is much less than the impact on the adult population. Statistical analysis has shown the original COVID strain was no more deadly for children than the common flu. The most important thing we are keeping a close eye on is whether this Delta strain has any more significant impact on children than the original COVID.

In no way does this mean we underestimate the tragic consequences COVID has caused in our adult population and specifically those with underlying health conditions. We currently allow the Plexiglass shield for those parents or students that desire them, but will now initiate the process of placing one on each desk.

We are also enhancing our protocols in light of the infectious nature of the Delta variant and will be sending that information to parents tomorrow. Masks continue to be a contentious issue nation and state wide. And our stand continues to be, parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for their child.

Providing in person education in the midst of a pandemic is more problematic this year than last year for a variety of reasons that are outside of our control, but we will continue to place children first and spare no expense to provide the highest level of safety possible!

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Personal y padres de BH,

Los distritos escolares de todo el estado se están dando cuenta de que la variante Delta COVID tiene características diferentes y Barbers Hill ISD no es una excepción. La principal diferencia es la rapidez con la que se propaga. Monitoreamos los datos continuamente y estamos en contacto constante con los funcionarios de salud y los números continúan sugiriendo que el impacto en los niños en edad escolar es mucho menor que el impacto en la población adulta. El análisis estadístico ha demostrado que la cepa COVID original no era más mortal para los niños que la gripe común. Lo más importante que estamos vigilando de cerca es si esta cepa Delta tiene un impacto más significativo en los niños que la COVID original.

De ninguna manera esto significa que subestimamos las trágicas consecuencias que COVID ha causado en nuestra población adulta y específicamente en aquellos con problemas de salud subyacentes. Actualmente permitimos el escudo de plexiglás para aquellos padres o estudiantes que lo deseen, pero ahora iniciaremos el proceso de colocar uno en cada escritorio.

También estamos mejorando nuestros protocolos a la luz de la naturaleza infecciosa de la variante Delta y enviaremos esa información a los padres mañana. Las máscaras continúan siendo un tema polémico a nivel nacional y estatal. Y nuestra posición sigue siendo que los padres son los mejores jueces de lo que es apropiado para sus hijos.

Brindar educación en persona en medio de una pandemia es más problemático este año que el año pasado por una variedad de razones que están fuera de nuestro control, pero continuaremos colocando a los niños en primer lugar y no escatimaremos en gastos para brindar el mayor nivel de seguridad posible. !

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