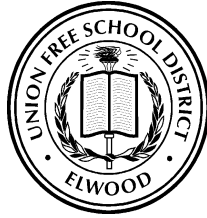


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September 10, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you received positive reports regarding the first day of school! Despite the soggy conditions, it was great to welcome back our students. Thank you in advance for your patience as we fine tune our arrival and dismissal procedures. Both the weather and the volume of students who were driven to/from school made an impact and we anticipate "smooth sailing" in the coming days.

As discussed, we no longer require weekly assurances in order for students to attend school. We do, however, require notification if there is a positive COVID-19 test within your home. Please use the attached Google form linked [here](#) for your convenience in reporting. It is imperative that students are not sent to school if:

- 1) They have tested positive for COVID-19
- 2) They are symptomatic for COVID-19
- 3) They have been directed to quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 case
- 4) There is a positive COVID-19 case within the home
- 5) There is a pending COVID-19 test within the home

In addition, when you learn that your child has tested positive for COVID-19, it is critical that you inform any individual that may have been in close contact during the infectious period (usually identified as within 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms – or a positive test if asymptomatic). Contact tracing within the school will be exclusive to contact that occurred during school or school-related events. It is no longer possible to contact trace each positive COVID-19 occurrence during social events, weekends, holidays, etc. We must all work together to make sure our friends and neighbors are fully informed if a positive case is identified.

As you know, remote instruction is only available to those students who test positive for COVID-19 or are quarantined due to a positive test. To prevent confusion or abuse, parents will need to provide proof of the positive test or quarantine directive in order to shift to remote learning. This documentation will need to be provided prior to the commencement of remote instruction. This is necessary due to the overwhelmingly large number of instructional days missed within the buildings last year. As stated, the Board of Education and District Administration has prioritized in-person learning this year. Remote instruction will only be used when deemed absolutely necessary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19. I am confident the disruptions to the 2021-22 school year will be minimal if we all work together to support the safety, health and welfare of all.

Warm Regards,

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