

December 18, 2020

Dear Parents,

CURRENT STAGE (as of Dec. 18): Yellow

Currently we have 0 students out with positive COVID test results and 0 staff members with positive COVID test results. We appreciate your continued diligence and reminding student to practice safety measures such as wearing masks, washing hands etc.

CDC update

On Dec. 16th the school board took action to update our Covid protocols. The new protocols are available on the district home page at www.sd282.org. The major change is reducing the number of required days for quarantine for EXPOSED/ NON-SYMPTOMATIC students and staff from 14 days to 10 days. This is in compliance with the CDC and Idaho Central District Health.

Testing: Please note that if anyone is testing for COVID due to illness in your family, all siblings must be kept at home until the test results come back. (Please contact the district office).

Masks:

PLEASE REMIND YOUR STUDENTS TO BRING THEIR OWN MASK TO SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS.

Athletics:

We understand that many of our parents feel frustrated that we are following the Governor's order to limit gatherings especially when it comes to sporting events. This is a difficult process for all of us. Districts have been warned about violating the mandate. Districts, Administrators, and AD's can be fined, Administrators can be turned into the Ethics Committee for violation and potentially lose their teaching/administrative certificate. District sports programs can also be penalized, if not completely shut down. We take this very seriously and that is why we are continuing to have no spectators at our school events.

Current Procedure: Schools may have up to 5 essential personnel (plus a bus driver for visiting schools) at games. We have chosen to allow our coaches to decide on their essential personnel, just like we have done in years past. The coach is also responsible for the behavior of essential personnel, so it is crucial they are on board with whomever they choose to help them and their program. The essential personnel have a pass and they must show Mr. Caldwell (or the game manager) their pass to be allowed in. There are only 5 passes plus the bus driver. This is the same process for every school and was agreed upon by the Region 2 AD's. Please know that when we can allow parents in the building we will. Honestly, we're trying to follow the rules so we can keep sports going. Every day that kids get to come to school AND play basketball is a win for us.

If and when....we move back to stage 3 as a State, we have the plan in place to allow parents/guests, however, **until then we will follow the Governor's orders. No spectators will be allowed to attend any extra-curricular or sporting events until further notice.**

Latah Co. Sheriff's Office Training

FYI - Please note that the Latah Co. Sheriff's office will be using the elementary side of the building for training on Dec. 29 and 30th. Offices will be closed on these days and no staff or students are allowed in that portion of the building. There will be multiple police cars and vehicles in the driveway. **This is only a practice drill.**

Communication

As we leave school for the 2-week holiday, we would like to encourage you to continue contact the school or administration during this vacation for any students that have exposure or confirmed test results, so we can keep our records up to date. Please contact either Mr. Caldwell at kcaldwell@sd282.org or Mrs. Moore at wmoore@sd282.org. Office hours over break will be 8:00 – 3:00 on Dec 21, 22, and Dec. 28. School resumes on January 4th.

We will continue to update information on our district webpage throughout the year. Please bookmark www.sd282.org to keep up with the most up to date information.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our teachers, office staff or Administration.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Dr. Wendy Moore, Superintendent/ Elem. Principal
Mr. Kelly Caldwell, Secondary Principal/ AD