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Dear Crestview Local School District Families,

Crestview Local Schools has been closely monitoring COVID-19 in our school community in collaboration with the Columbiana County Health Department. In the first part of September, we have unfortunately seen a high number of COVID-19 cases within our District. This started with day 1 of school with 12 students reporting off with COVID-19. As of September 20, 2021, Crestview Local Schools has been notified of **61 positive cases** among our staff and students. We have had two students hospitalized and three staff hospitalized. As a result of positive cases in the school community, **263 students** have been placed on quarantine due to close contact, adding up to over **1,001 days of lost in-person instruction**.

Our goal remains to provide the best education possible in an all-day, in-person environment. **Effective Wednesday, September 22nd, all Crestview Local School buildings will require staff and students preschool through grade 12 to wear a face covering. We also will require masking for all those attending indoor events at the school and for all visitors.** We will re-evaluate this decision at our board meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 with input from our local health department as well as examining our own district data. We will continue to inform parents and guardians as soon as possible of any changes.

We continue to stress that families monitor their children for COVID symptoms and that students and staff stay home if exhibiting any symptoms and implementing other safety precautions including frequent hand washing and social distancing when possible.

References:

[School Exclusion Letter](#) (Columbiana Health Department)

[Covid Quarantine Flow Chart](#)

[Covid Quarantine Narrative](#)

We understand that these decisions may not be popular among all of our families, but please understand that we are doing our best to keep students and staff in an in-person environment. We are required to follow the recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health. Also, beginning Wednesday, September 22nd, Quick Med Urgent Care will be opening on campus in addition to our nurses. We will have medical personnel available for you and your family if needed, by your choice.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew T. Manley