

ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

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Dear Peacock Families,

Although the incidence of Covid is no longer reported in a weekly letter, student and staff absences due to health continue to be assessed and tracked. The health and safety of our staff and students remains a top priority and tracking allows us to monitor and maintain a healthy school environment. Covid data will be reported monthly and posted on the D10 website for the 2022-2023 school year.

Additional reporting will occur as needed. Since Friday, August 19th, there have been a cluster of health absences in 7th grade. Approximately seven students and two staff from seventh grade are absent. This includes two confirmed staff cases and one confirmed student case with Covid or three total cases. Please note however, some of the student cases have already tested negative and some are undetermined at this point in time.

A key point I would like to highlight in appreciation, is that the staff and six of the student's never attended school when they had a symptom. They stayed home and called in sick. This is consistent with our practice "if you have a symptom, stay home and only return if you are symptom free". By following this we are minimizing the potential risk of further spread of any illness. *Thank you for practicing that!* I am also thankful that many families have followed other key components with our guidance:

- Take a Covid test when symptomatic (this is recommended but not required)
- Consult with your medical provider as needed
- Communicate and coordinate with our administration and nursing staff

Only one student came to school with a symptom (who has not been determined as Covid positive) and was subsequently, quickly sent home. Please continue to monitor your child's health and do not send students to school if symptomatic. That is best practice and a rule that held true prior to the Covid pandemic. As a reminder, the usage of a face mask is optional. Please continue to be vigilant with health and safety practices and keep us posted if your child displays any health concerns.

Thank you.

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