



December 10, 2021

Dear R-II Family,

As you may have heard, the Missouri Attorney General has sent a letter to all Missouri public school districts advising that they do not have the authority to issue mask mandates, quarantine orders or other public health orders and that they should stop enforcement immediately as a result of the Cole County court ruling issued November 22.

Our school attorney has advised us that we do have the legal authority to establish rules and regulations regarding the safety of our students and staff. We have current board approved policies and a mitigation plan in place that allow us to make those determinations. **However, we received a cease and desist order from the Missouri Attorney General's Office today, December 10.** As a result of the order, an emergency board meeting was called by our board president, Nathan Parmentier. At that meeting, the Board of Education decided the following:

Exclusion lengths: (effective immediately)

- COVID Positive Student or Staff Member
 - Proof of the positive test will be requested if the school is unable to confirm the results.
 - May return after 10 days since symptoms first appeared (including 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) and COVID symptoms are improving.
 - Considerations: Policies EBB and Statute 167.191
- Asymptomatic Close Contacts:
 - Remain at school unless parents choose a voluntary exclusion
- All Symptomatic Students and Staff:
 - Stay home and follow the Nurse's Algorithm (www.fcr2.org)

*Many area schools, including New Haven, are following this updated guidance.

We will keep you updated should there be any additional changes to our mitigation strategies and procedures. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through these developments. Our goal has always been to keep students and staff safe, healthy and in school.

Please continue to monitor your students' health and keep them home if they are not feeling well. There is an updated nurse algorithm attached to this email. You can also find it on our website.

The federal masking mandate for our buses is still in place. This has not changed.

Respectfully,

Kathy Oetterer

Mrs. Kathy Oetterer
Superintendent/Principal



Nurse Algorithm: Screen all students for potential to spread contagious illness:
Any **NEW** unexplained cough, difficulty breathing, loss taste/smell, fever ($\geq 100^\circ\text{F}$), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, or fatigue not related to a current diagnosis

