

CAC Community,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday period I want to thank each of our families for the trust they have placed in the school during this challenging time.

One of our goals has been to minimize potential disruptions to on-campus instruction. To date, we have had four student COVID-19 positives at the Secondary Campus — 8th (1), 9th (2), 10th (1) — and one faculty positive (high school faculty). There have been no positives at our elementary campuses. Fifty-eight students have been required to quarantine — NLR (4), PV (6), Secondary (48). One Secondary Campus staff member has had to quarantine due to a family contact.

Ninth grade transitioned to remote learning for one day to facilitate contact tracing and extra sanitizing. A junior high and 7th grade football game was cancelled due to a potential positive. Junior high cheer missed one game due to a positive and two close contacts within the squad.

We have been encouraged by our ability to maintain our regular schedule. We believe this is a result of the strong partnership between the school and our families and the commitment that we made to each other at the beginning of the school year.

At the same time, we are very concerned about the surge in infections many schools are experiencing. We recognize the need for our school community to remain diligent to minimize disruptions that could be possible due to upcoming Thanksgiving holiday travel and interactions.

Some schools are opting to transition to a remote learning format for the first week or two following the Thanksgiving break. Based on our experience to date, we have decided to continue with our regular schedule; however, our ability to do so is dependent on our continued adherence to our Community Commitment.

Please review the following key section of the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Authorization and Release document we all signed at the beginning of the year:

By coming to school, CAC parents and guardians attest to the following regarding themselves and their enrolled child(ren):

- 1. **My child and I** are not exhibiting any symptoms related to COVID-19, e.g., fever, fatigue, chills, cough, shortness of breath and sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, muscle aches, or gastrointestinal problems.
- 2. **My child and I** have not had person-to-person contact with someone who has exhibited COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days.

- 3. **My child and I** have not visited an area where there has been a significant outbreak of COVID-19 activity in the last 14 days.
- 4. **My child and I** have not had a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- 5. **My child and I** measured our temperature within at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the school day.

Families acknowledge that CAC will be relying upon their compliance with all required social distancing measures to help protect staff, students, and themselves from the spread of COVID-19. <u>Failure to comply with these protocols may result in suspension or dismissal from school.</u>

Please be diligent. While it is impossible to eliminate COVID-19 exposure in the school community, adherence to these protocols has a major impact on our ability to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Please don't send your child to school if you or any family member is experiencing any unexplained COVID-19 symptom.

Please don't send your child to school if you are waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, please exercise extra caution while interacting with individuals in environments experiencing significant outbreaks or visiting public areas (i.e. college students and personnel, tourist areas, high density stores or public areas). We encourage families to transition to remote learning for a week or two if there are concerns related to higher risk interactions.

Thank you for your support. We will continue to keep you fully informed of any developments or issues related to COVID-19. Please contact me if you have questions or recommendations.

Grace, peace, and mercy,

Carter Lambert, Ph.D. President