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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I have been informed that five students in the district have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Four are Randolph-Clay High School (RCHS) students, and one is a Randolph County Elementary School (RCES) student. The students who tested positive will not be able to return to school until after the contagious period passes (10-14 days after the start of symptoms or from the positive test date). After contact tracing, it appears that the students contracted the virus outside the school setting. Of the four RCHS positive students, only two were present in the building today and both were wearing masks. The RCES student has not been in the building since Friday, August 6th. Two of the five COVID-19 positive students are members of the same family. Currently, there are no faculty and staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Nevertheless, we have decided that it is in the best interest of our students and staff, to close school until Monday, August 16, 2021. This will give the district an opportunity to disinfect all buildings and buses.

Parents, it is imperative that you assist us during this most difficult time. The district has put many protective measures in place and provided all staff and students with an abundance of personal protective equipment. However, no matter how much we ensure that our campuses are safe, what students do outside the school environment makes the most impact. How we control the spread INSIDE the district, depends on how well parents, students, and community members control the spread OUTSIDE the district. Again, we are asking that you assist us and ensure that your family is following CDC guidelines in order to stop the spread of the virus.

Also, to prevent this disease from spreading, please keep your child home if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, headache, body aches, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. If you or your child develop symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider and request a COVID-19 test. Here is what each of us can do to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask inside and in close settings outside
- Limit your interactions to a small circle of friends and family
- Keep gatherings small, and outside if possible where fresh air circulates
- Stay 6 feet apart from others when possible
- Wash your hands, cover your cough, and keep up your best hygiene
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you are experiencing symptoms

Our goal is for students to be back in school for in-person learning. Let's do our part to make this happen for the students of Randolph County.

The Food and Nutrition Department will deliver meals on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. Please check the schools' and district's websites for the schedule.

Sincerely,

Tangela Madge

Tangela Madge, Ed.D.
RCSS Superintendent