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Mountain Vista K-8 School Community,

As of this morning, we are aware of 12 positive cases of COVID-19 at our school. Three of these positive cases are among our staff and the remaining cases are among our students. All of the staff and students that have confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 are not at school and will be eligible to return to school once they have been symptom free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and have completed the recommended isolation period from the Pinal County Department of Health.

Effective Monday, November 1, to slow the spread of COVID-19 at our school, we are implanting additional mitigation protocols including:

- Temperature checks of all students, staff and visitors before entering campus. Any individuals with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will have their temperature checked with a second thermometer and if both readings show 100.4 or higher, the individual will be sent home and may return once they are symptom free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.
- Campus visitors will continue to sign-in at the front office and wear a visitor badge while on campus. Additionally, they will have their temperature checked and will be expected to wear a face mask while on campus.
- Students and staff will be expected to wear a face mask while on school buses.

We will continue to implement the following mitigation protocols:

- Students, staff, and visitors need to stay home if they are not feeling well or have symptoms of illness.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wear face masks while indoors.
- Thorough cleaning and disinfecting of surface areas and school buses.
- Consistent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Encourage students and staff to wear clean clothes to school each day.
- Limiting visitors on campus and cancelling events as needed. (No visitors for Halloween Parade and cancelling athletics practice, for example.)

We continue to be in communication with the Pinal County Department of Health. An outbreak is defined as two positive cases of COVID-19 that are connected within a group. Our kindergarten classroom that was closed this week is an example of an outbreak. Individual, unconnected cases are not considered outbreaks. Our COVID-19 Dashboard at www.osd2.org is a good resource to check daily to monitor the number of positive cases in each grade level.

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As we learn of positive cases at our school, we will continue to contact parents and guardians of students that were close contacts to the person that tested positive or are possible exposures. This communication will continue to be in the form of phone calls and/or letters sent home either through the U.S. Post Office or digitally through ClassDojo or ClassTag. This morning we learned of positive cases in the following groups:

- Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Clark's 6th Grade classes
- 8th Grade 8-2 Cohort
- Cheerleading Team
- Basketball Team

The Pinal County Department of Health recommends that anyone who has been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 should remain at home (quarantine) for 10 calendar days. If your child is in any of the groups listed above and should you choose to follow Pinal County Department of Health recommendations, your child could return to school on Monday, November 8. If your child is in any of the groups listed above and they are symptom free, they are welcome to come to school. We ask that you join us in monitoring your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them at home if they develop symptoms. You might choose to have your child tested for COVID-19. If your child tests positive, please notify the school office at 520-896-3001 immediately.

If your child is home and is able to complete their paper/pencil or online assignments, we ask that you help your child stay on track and communicate with your child's teacher. We want to make sure we are not only doing our best to keep students healthy, we want to make sure we are doing our part to make sure each child has access to their education and receives the support they need whether at school or from home. We appreciate your support and encourage our community to continue to remember, our community is one of the many reasons we can say we are **Mountain Vista Strong!**

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