This is Richard Dennis, Superintendent of Elmore County Public Schools.

23 employees and 244 students have tested positive for COVID-19 over the past week. Our return to ADPH quarantine guidelines for direct contact have significantly increased the number of students being sent home, specifically in the elementary schools. We will continue to work to keep schools open to provide in-person instruction and we need your help. If your child has symptoms, please keep your child at home. This is especially important for the elementary schools where masks are not required and whole classes are impacted.

Although students are receiving free breakfast and lunch meals this year, it is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT for all households to complete a meal application to ensure school funding and student eligibility for benefits such as P-EBT, reduced ACT/SAT/AP/dual enrollment fees, etc. Federal funds are allocated directly to schools based on the free/reduced student percentage. You may return paper forms or complete the online application at www.myschoolapps.com. If you have any questions, contact your student's school.

Finally, if you would prefer to get my call outs and other system-wide communications texted to you through Remind, visit the Elmore County Public Schools website and follow the registration process.

We appreciate your support and have a great weekend!

Every Student Empowered, Every Student Succeeds.

Richard Dennis