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Dear Caddo Families,

Thank you for making this first week back to school in the new year a successful one. Our students and staff continue to do incredible work, and we are grateful to you for choosing Caddo for your child's education.

You've no doubt seen the headlines in recent days showing new COVID-19 cases in our region and across Louisiana. Please know our district is taking precautions to ensure in-person learning can be conducted in the safest manner possible. Masks continue to be encouraged for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status. Also, visitors will be limited at this time to those considered essential. In addition, beginning Thursday Caddo will begin using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) updated guidance for positive COVID-19 cases as well as exposures.

Following this updated guidance, below is a summary of changes taking effect:

- **Positive COVID Cases**
 - An at-home test identifying a positive case will be accepted.
 - Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days, but may return to school/work on Day 6 if they are fever-free for 48 hours.
 - These individuals should wear a well-fitting mask through Day 10 from the date they tested positive. Those who continue to experience a fever should not return to school/work until they have been fever-free for 48 hours.
- **Close Contacts of Positive COVID Cases**
 - Vaccinated students and staff should wear a mask for 10 days from the date of exposure. It is recommended for these persons to take a test on Day 5 or immediately if symptoms develop; however, testing is not required.
 - Unvaccinated students and staff must quarantine for 5 days but may return to school/work on Day 6 if they are not experiencing symptoms. Upon return to school/work, these individuals should wear a mask through Day 10 of exposure. It is recommended for these persons to take a test on Day 5 or immediately if symptoms develop; however, testing is not required.
 - Individuals who do not wish to wear a mask upon return to school should quarantine through Day 10 of exposure.

For any student who may be feeling ill, please do not send them to school. Instead, please contact your child's primary care physician. They will determine whether a COVID-19 test is necessary, or another illness may be causing your child's symptoms.

Additionally, testing and vaccination opportunities are available Monday through Saturday at the Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. COVID-19 testing also is offered weekly at all school sites through LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport. Please contact your school to learn more information about this testing program and how your child to participate.

We, too, look forward to a day when COVID-19 will be behind us. For now, we ask for your patience and support as we work to provide safe learning opportunities for all students.

Sincerely,

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