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RE: POSITIVE COVID CASES AND QUARANTINE UPDATE FOR 8/24-8/30.

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

Each week I will update the number of positive cases experienced in the week prior, as well as updating the current number of individuals being quarantined. From 8/24-8/30 we experienced an additional 17 positive COVID cases district wide; 2 at the Elementary School, 7 at the South Campus, and 8 at the High School. As a result, a total of 169 additional members of our North Mac family were required to quarantine over this past week; 165 students and 4 staff members. Currently there are still a grand total of 217 students and/or staff who are quarantined.

As we battle the COVID-19 Virus, we continue to follow all the protocols and mitigation efforts put into place, which **at this time** includes the mandatory universal masking directive issued by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Governor's Office. It is our goal to remain in-person as long as possible, while at the same time keeping our students and staff safe. Adaptive pauses in in-person learning will only be taken if absolutely necessary and in consultation with the IDPH.

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms¹. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms² should seek medical care immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families.

Dr. Jay A. Goble Superintendent

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¹ 1 Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

² 2 Severe symptoms of COVID-19 include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.