



February 12, 2021

MBS Family,

The number of coronavirus cases voluntarily reported by Mountain Brook Schools students, faculty, and staff continues to decline. As of today, we have fewer than 20 cases in our school district. That is very encouraging news considering how many cases we have had in recent months.

After the upcoming long weekend, we look forward to welcoming our secondary students back to school for daily in-person instruction. As a reminder, students at Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School will report to school on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. starting this coming Wednesday, Feb. 17. This will allow teachers time to plan for traditional, virtual, and quarantined students while providing students time to catch up on work within a more structured schedule. Please note that elementary schools will continue to follow their existing schedule.

MBS remains committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all students and employees. Our teachers will continue to reinforce masking, distancing, and good hygiene practices, while our custodians clean our buildings thoroughly daily. Furthermore, we are asking for your continued assistance in observing the following:

- Use the [MBS Symptom Check Tool](#) daily.
- Keep your student at home if they are sick.
- Contact your school nurse if your student tests positive for the coronavirus or has been exposed to a positive case.
- Talk to your student about the importance of the Big 3: masking, distancing, and good hygiene.
- Avoid large group social gatherings.

If you need to get tested for the coronavirus, [Interim Healthcare](#) is offering testing Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you need to report a positive case or possible exposure over the weekend, you can text or call the MBS COVID-19 Weekend Call Line at **205-703-1298** to connect with a school nurse who can provide guidance. The line will be active this weekend from Saturday to Monday. It is very important that you report coronavirus activity so that we have reliable data to aid our decision-making.

MBS is continuing to monitor coronavirus data for our school system and county, and will continue to follow guidance from our public health and government officials throughout the second semester. Our chief priority is to make informed decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our school community while ensuring the continued provision of an effective, challenging, and engaging education.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend and will see you Tuesday.