



February 19, 2021

MBS Family,

The number of coronavirus cases voluntarily reported by Mountain Brook Schools students, faculty, and staff continues to decline. For the second straight week, we have fewer than 20 positive cases in our school district. Your commitment to masking, distancing, and good hygiene has helped make this possible. We commend you for your diligence in these practices and encourage you to keep it up.

Additionally, we are excited to let you know that most of our employees have now had the opportunity to receive the coronavirus vaccine. Alabama education professionals became eligible to receive the vaccine on Feb. 8, and MBS has worked steadfastly to ensure that all employees who wish to receive a vaccine have the chance to do so. After reaching out to many local healthcare groups, MBS formed a partnership with UAB Health to provide vaccination opportunities that began this week. UAB contacted MBS employees via their school email addresses to coordinate appointments, allowing some employees to schedule same-day vaccinations.

Employees also had the option to sign up for a vaccination clinic held today at Cahaba Heights Elementary in Vestavia Hills. The clinic was open to MBS and Vestavia Hills City Schools employees and was made possible by Coosa Valley Medical Center and Alabama Immunization Partners. More than 230 MBS employees received the vaccine. We are thankful to Vestavia Hills City Schools for inviting us to participate in the clinic. It made a huge impact on our school system.

MBS remains committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all students and employees. Our teachers are continuing to reinforce masking, distancing, and good hygiene practices, while our custodians are cleaning our buildings thoroughly on a daily basis. 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. 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.