



January 22, 2021

MBS Family,

We enjoyed another positive week of in-person learning at all six of our Mountain Brook Schools. As promised last semester and reiterated in [last week's update](#), we will continue to share our coronavirus numbers when we have more than 20 positive cases in our school district.

As of today, we have 28 positive cases and 121 quarantines that have been voluntarily reported by students, faculty, and staff across the district. MBS remains committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all students and employees. To help us accomplish this, 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.

On another note, coronavirus vaccine availability is growing for specific groups throughout the state of Alabama. You can learn more about the vaccine from the [Alabama Department of Public Health](#), including the [Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan](#). Each county is authorized to advance to the next Allocation Phase in the Allocation Plan if it has met the bulk of demand in the current phase. Jefferson County is currently vaccinating people age 75 and older and first responders, in addition to people in Phase 1a who were not vaccinated earlier.

Please note that some healthcare providers that have the vaccine, including UAB Medicine and Southview Medical Group, are reaching out to their currently eligible patients for vaccination appointments by invitation only. Eligible people in Jefferson County who do not have access to the COVID-19 vaccination and want to get it can follow these steps to get the process started:

- Visit the Jefferson County Vaccine Call Center online at <https://www.jeffcoema.org/> and click on the green button to self-register to receive information about obtaining the vaccine. If you need to speak to someone for assistance or information, you may call the Call Center at 205-858-2221 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Wait for a notification by email, text, or call, with instructions on how to schedule an appointment when your particular category is eligible, and a vaccine clinic is available for you to visit.
- Use the instructions from the notification to schedule your appointment to receive your COVID-19 vaccination.

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.