



January 29, 2021

MBS Family,

The number of coronavirus cases voluntarily reported by Mountain Brook Schools students, faculty, and staff has remained consistent in recent weeks. As of today, we have 29 positive cases and 158 close contact quarantines in our school district.

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 clean our buildings thoroughly on a daily basis. Additionally, 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, the Alabama Department of Public Health announced today that it is expanding coronavirus vaccine eligibility officially beginning Feb. 8 to include persons ages 65 or older and additional groups of frontline workers. Education sector employees are specifically named under this expansion. ADPH has stated there will be multiple drive-thru vaccination sites throughout the state of Alabama.

While those sites have yet to be announced, please know that MBS has offered our services and campuses to make vaccinations easy and accessible for all of our employees and others who are currently eligible for vaccination. At this time, it is unknown whether on-site clinics will be established; however, we are committed to making the vaccination process as simple as possible for MBS employees. We will continue to share more information as it becomes available from the ADPH and Jefferson County Department of Health. You can read the details of today's ADPH announcement [here](#).

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.