



March 5, 2021

MBS Family,

The number of coronavirus cases voluntarily reported by Mountain Brook Schools students, faculty, and staff continues to decline. For the fourth straight week, we have fewer than 20 positive cases in our school district. Your commitment to masking, distancing, and good hygiene has helped drive this downward trend. Please continue these practices with vigilance so that we can further reduce the impact of the coronavirus on our school district.

If our numbers continue to decrease, we will be able to take greater steps toward normalcy and offer more opportunities for students and parents throughout the school system this spring. As you know, spring break is now only a couple of weeks away. You can refer to these [CDC guidelines](#) to help inform your planning if you are considering traveling over the upcoming break.

Additionally, MBS faculty and staff are cycling through the second round of coronavirus vaccination appointments with UAB Health. Many are also set to be vaccinated for the second time at a vaccination clinic in Vestavia Hills made possible by Coosa Valley Medical Center on Friday, March 12. Our substitute employees have had an opportunity to be vaccinated as well thanks to Southview Medical Group at St. Vincent's.

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 on Monday 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.