



October 8, 2020

MBS Family,

In last week's reopening update, we shared COVID-19 data from the Jefferson County Department of Health. That data indicated there were 524 positive cases among all Mountain Brook residents from June 28 to Sept. 19, with 127 of those cases falling in the 5 to 18 age range. These numbers reflect the positive cases mandatorily reported from testing sites to the health department.

This week we are sharing more data from the JCDH, along with data reported directly to Mountain Brook Schools. We are communicating these figures because we want to equip our families with the information they need to make an informed decision about their child's learning option. As indicated in our [revised reopening plan](#), students who wish to transition to or from the full-time virtual option must notify their school by the end of the day on **Sunday, Oct. 11**.

Please note that data furnished by the school system is unofficial because it relies on voluntary reporting from our school community. It is listed in percentages to protect the privacy and confidentiality of those who have reported. MBS has yet to reach the daily threshold of 20 positive cases at which we would publish our district case count but will provide that information if cases reach that threshold.

Jefferson County Department of Health Data (Official)

- Positive Mountain Brook (MB) cases from June 28 to Sept. 19: **524**
- Positive MB cases from June 28 to Sept. 19 among school-age children (5-18): **127**
 - Positive MB cases from June 28 to July 25 among school-age children (5-18): **43**
 - Positive MB cases from July 26 to Aug. 22 among school-age children (5-18): **42**
 - Positive MB cases from Aug. 23 to Sept. 19 among school-age children (5-18): **42**
 - Average age of positive MB school-age children: **16**

Mountain Brook Schools District Data (Unofficial)

- Percent of enrolled students reporting positive cases from Aug. 20 to Oct. 7: **0.5%**
- * Percent of enrolled students that quarantined due to close contact with a positive case from Aug. 20 to Oct. 7: **3%**
- Percent of employees reporting positive cases from Aug. 1 to Oct. 7: **1.3%**
- *Percent of all employees that quarantined due to close contact with a positive case from Aug. 1 to Oct. 7: **6%**

**Quarantine numbers do not imply transmission from the school setting. Most close contact quarantines have resulted from non-school related activities or family contacts.*

We are encouraged by the data and remain committed to the health and safety measures that have allowed us to keep the number of cases and quarantines in check. It will be particularly vital for our school community to continue masking, distancing, and practicing good hygiene as we prepare for more of our students to return to school on Oct. 19.

MBS will continue to track data closely and follow guidance from the Jefferson County Department of Health, Alabama Department of Public Health, and Alabama State Department of Education. Their expertise has enabled our school district 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.

You also can monitor COVID-19 data for Jefferson County via alabamapublichealth.gov. That information is updated every Friday.