



Indiana Elementary School

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Dear Wildcat Family,

It has been a great pleasure having all of the students back in the building after a long much needed break. I am so glad that we were able to have students return to our building after successfully distributing COVID tests with the confidence that we will continue to do everything we can to keep our students and staff safe.

As a result, we will be providing Covid testing kits for all of our staff and students periodically, with our next test distribution being this Thursday, January 13, 2022. Doing so will ensure that everyone within our Matteson 162 community continues to enter a safe learning environment. Therefore, all students must receive and provide proof of a negative Covid test result in order to return to in person learning on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

We will be distributing at home testing kits for all students again on Thursday, January 13th. Students will be sent home with the kit and expected to test on Monday, January 17, 2022 as there is no school due the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Students will be returning to school on Tuesday January 18, 2022 with a negative test result.

A couple of things to remember:

- Each student is allotted one test, so **please handle it with care**. We do not have additional tests.
- If you have multiple students that attend different schools in District 162, each student will be sent home with their own test kit.
- Students should take the test on Monday. After students take the home test, they must complete the COVID Test Google Form that will be available on their Class Link pages. This form will also be available beginning Monday, January 17th, on the Matteson 162 website. The form will ask you to upload a picture of your test results. Teachers will walk students through how to access and complete this form during their classes. This is to be completed whether the result is negative or positive, but please do not complete this form earlier than Monday, January 17th.
- **In order to return to school on Tuesday, January 18th, students must provide visual evidence of a negative test result. This can be done by bringing in a paper copy, showing a picture of the result on their phones, or emailing a picture of the result to Assistant Principal Mayze at cmayze@sd162.org.**

Thank you families for your support. This process could not have run as smoothly as it has without your partnership. As stated before, please remain vigilant by following our COVID-19 protocols so that our children can remain in our classrooms where we know they are served best. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In Partnership,

Mr. Bill Howard

Proud Principal