



# MATTESON SCHOOL DISTRICT 162

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Dear School District 162 Family,

December 20, 2021

These are unprecedented times as we continue to war against COVID-19 and the consistent evolution of variants that plague our school systems across this nation. In an effort to help prevent any more unforeseen positive COVID cases, District 162 will modify our return date and school protocols so that we provide sufficient time to get all students and staff tested. Our goal is to have a safe and clean environment for all who come back to our schools in January 2022. We will need your support in helping us keep our environment COVID free, therefore we are implementing the following process to ensure a safe school environment:

- All District 162 students will utilize E-learning from Wednesday, January 5, 2022 through Friday, January 7, 2022.
- All District 162 students with a recent negative COVID test will return to in-person learning on Monday, January 10, 2022. All students will be required to present a negative COVID test via Google Classroom or a hard copy or picture of the test at their school. Testing must be done within the 24 hours before returning to school.
- District 162 will be providing rapid antigen COVID-19 home test kits to all families at no cost to you. These test kits will be available for pick up on Wednesday, January 5 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at your child's school. We are asking your cooperation to appropriately administer the tests to your children. Each test comes with explicit instructions on how to administer the test.
- In order to keep students safe prior to and after testing, we will follow the schedule below beginning on January 5, 2022:

**January 5-6:** Rapid Antigen Test pickup at each school between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**January 5 - 7:** E-Learning at all schools

**January 9:** ALL District 162 students will test at home using the rapid antigen test kit or obtain a test from a COVID-19 testing facility.

**January 10:** All students should return to school with a printed copy or electronic photo of a negative test result which will be shown to their teacher, and then shared with the Principal.

We appreciate your support in helping us navigate through these tough times, and be assured that we will continue to provide a high quality education to all of our students in spite of any obstacles we incur throughout the school year due to the pandemic. We will also inform you in January 2022 of our schedule to provide regular and consistent COVID-19 testing for our students throughout the remainder of the school year.

It is our hope that you and your family will have a safe and joyful Winter break, and we look forward to the return of our students in the new year. Happy holidays and please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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