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Dear CCSD Families and Community Members;

As we complete our first month of the new year, we have so much to be thankful for especially when we compare our current context with the rest of our state and nation. We have been extremely fortunate on POW during this pandemic to only have experienced 40 confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date with zero active, confirmed cases within the last 14 days. On top of this positive data, our island medical providers have been doing an outstanding job vaccinating our community members and we already have more than a quarter of our adult island population vaccinated. We definitely have a lot to celebrate and have enjoyed the privilege of having our schools fully open all year, except for a two week period after the Thanksgiving break.

It's important for all of us to recognize that CDC has not changed their guidance for schools and are still recommending that schools follow strict protocols to minimize the spread of the virus. Outlined below are some of the important guidelines that each CCSD school is required to follow in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines can also be found in CCSD's Smart Start to School Guidelines on the CCSD website.

If a student or employee becomes ill at work and is exhibiting one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms outlined below they will be asked to leave and go home immediately. If a student or employee becomes ill at home and is exhibiting one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms outlined below they will be asked to stay at home. The student or employee should be tested for COVID-19 and, if necessary, be evaluated by their health care provider.

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Tiredness or fatigue
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

Due to the severe nature of a potential positive COVID-19 diagnosis, parents are asked to immediately pick their student up upon notification from the school that their child is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19. Any staff member exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms is asked to immediately notify their direct supervisor of their symptoms and leave school premises.

The student or staff member may not return to school until they have met one of the following criteria:

- If they test positive, they must stay home for 10 days since their first symptom or from the date of their positive test, if not having any symptoms of COVID-19. Once it has been 10 days, they may return to school once they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, as long as their other symptoms are improving.
- If they test negative, they may return to school when they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and their other symptoms are improving.
- If they do not get a test, they must stay home for 10 days. They may return to school when it has been 10 days and they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and their other symptoms are improving.
- If their health care provider determines there is an alternative diagnosis to COVID-19 causing their symptoms, they may be allowed back to school before 10 days and without a negative test as long as the following criteria are met:
 - Their symptoms have resolved and they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, and
 - They have a note from their health care provider saying it is safe for them to come back to school.

CCSD recognizes that these guidelines can be complicated and cumbersome to follow. If there is any additional information the district could provide about these guidelines or if you would just like to talk through your specific circumstance to ensure we are adhering to all CDC recommended guidelines please don't hesitate to let us know. Together we will get through this. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and flexibility as we all work together.

Sincerely,



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