

MORRISVILLE-EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Once again, a huge THANKS is owed to the Madison County Health Department for responding rapidly and comprehensively to our most recent case of COVID-19. Their contact-tracing has completed and all individuals that must quarantine have been contacted.

This morning, our facilities department, led by Mr. Jacobs, completed a deep cleaning of the elementary school. His crew even “over-disinfected” in key areas. Our plan is to reopen Edward R. Andrews Elementary School effective tomorrow, Friday, November 20th to those who are not quarantined (if we can secure the necessary substitutes). Those under quarantine orders will remain in remote learning until they are eligible to return.

We received a few phone inquiries yesterday from community members expressing an interest in becoming a substitute. We are still looking for more people to serve in this capacity. Certification is not required and there is flexibility offered. We will work around almost anyone’s schedule. If you are interested, please call the district office.

The number of COVID-19 cases continue to climb in Madison County. The “Cluster Zones” as defined by the Health Department, are inching closer to our region. It is important for the Warrior community to know what it means if the number of cases locally reaches the threshold that places our schools in an identified Cluster.

First, each school building would be responsible for testing 20% of its in-person population within the first two weeks of “cluster designation.” Testing will only be conducted on willing volunteers. The tests we would administer, under the direction of Madison County, is a BinaxNOW rapid test. This test requires a mid-nasal swab, not to be confused with the deep swabs.

As long as we are able to secure the appropriate number of tests (20% of the building’s occupants) within two weeks of cluster designation, and the test results show an infection rate that is lower than the cluster zone, we will be permitted to remain open. Additional testing, beyond the initial one, is not required under the current order.

To prepare for the possibility of our community being classified, the district is looking to develop a list of students and staff who will volunteer to be tested if the need arises. Testing will only take place *if* our school community is determined to be a Yellow Cluster Zone by the NYS DoH.

A very brief survey link can be found on the M-ECS website, or you can click [here](#), if you would like to volunteer your child for possible testing in the future. If you have further questions about cluster zones or the testing associated with it, feel free to reach out to your child's school office.

I am proud of the faculty and staff who have provided our students and community a service like nowhere else during this pandemic. Please take a moment to acknowledge your child's educators for their service as they continue to perform wonders in the classroom and at home.

Have a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Gregory Molloy