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On Tuesday, January 11, the school became aware that members of the ALC wrestling team had tested positive for COVID-19. These wrestlers were not Arcadia students. We did have students who would be considered close contact, and these close contacts have had their parents contacted and will be asked to wear masks, monitor their symptoms, and social distance when possible. The wrestling program is being shut down for the remainder of this week, and will commence again on Monday, January 17, provided no addition positive COVID cases arise.

It is of utmost importance that if or when any students begin to not feel well and the symptoms are those of COVID, to notify the school that we can take appropriate precautions to protect the health of fellow students, staff members, and all of their families.

At the November 2021 regular Arcadia Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a mask waiver for parents to use for their students should their students not be medically able to wear mask while in school. The waiver does require a physician's signature, along with a statement indicating why the student is not able to wear a mask while at school. A copy of the waiver form is included with this message, and is also posted on the school's website under the Parent's Resources tab, and then under School Forms.

Time will tell if we need to take further action concerning this situation. Be assured that our stance and actions will be consistent with what we have done in the past. As I have said earlier this school year, the mandating of masks is the last thing I want to implement; but, it may be necessary if positive cases continue to increase.

Respectfully,

Mike Williams  
Superintendent