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Today, January 18, we received word that a student in school has tested positive for COVID, with a family member who also goes to school here, also being considered as positive for COVID. The second student was not tested due to a lack of test kits, but the physician feels the student also is positive. In addition, a staff member also tested positive this afternoon. Therefore, we are recommending masks be worn through the end of this week. They are NOT being required. We also ask that students and parents monitor their students for symptoms and keep them home when necessary.

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. The waiver form is 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