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Dear Armada Area School Families,

In an effort to keep our families informed, we had five high school students, three middle school students, seven elementary students, and five staff members test positive for COVID-19 this week. In addition to those who have contracted COVID-19, 24 elementary students, six middle school students, and three high school students will have to self-quarantine at home for ten days due to these cases. We are averaging 1.67 student cases of COVID-19 per school day in the district as 97 students (out of 1,877 or 5.17%) have tested positive for COVID-19 during our 58 school days. Also, we have had 27 district staff members test positive for COVID-19 during the school year.

We continue to work closely with the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) and the district is following their guidelines and protocols. The guidelines require an unvaccinated individual that is exposed (less than 3 feet for greater than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) to a person with COVID-19 must quarantine at home for 10 days **OR** quarantine at home for 7 days if the contact receives a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed at least 5 days after exposure **OR** remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities if they test negative daily for 7 days (using a rapid antigen test at school or at home) less than 24 hours before coming to school. Wearing a face covering indoors, as much as possible, is recommended for 7 days. A student or staff member that tests positive for COVID-19 must also isolate for ten (10) days at home.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is open. I can be reached via email at <a href="mmusary@armadaschools.org">mmusary@armadaschools.org</a> or by phone at 586-784-2112.

Sincerely,

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