October 12, 2020

Dear Arcadia Titan Family:

This is a notification that the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has identified an outbreak of COVID-19 at Arcadia High School.

A school outbreak of COVID-19 is defined by MCDPH as:

- Two or more students or staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period; and
- Could have had some close contact such as in a classroom or on a school sports team;
- Do not live in the same household; and
- Were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during a Public Health case investigation (e.g. friends who play together in each other’s homes).

We are currently working closely with MCDPH, District administration and our staff to identify close contacts of the individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to prevent further spread of the disease. **If you or your student(s) are deemed to be a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, you will receive a separate notification from our school.** Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will be required to stay home from school for 14 days, regardless of a negative test.

- Anyone who is COVID-19 positive or is required to quarantine will not be permitted on campus until the quarantine period has expired.

COVID-19 is still circulating in our community. The best way to keep you and your family safe from respiratory diseases like COVID-19 and the flu is to:

- Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose in compliance with the existing Maricopa County regulation and SUSD requirements.
- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- Get a flu vaccine.
If you, your student(s) or a family member is experiencing COVID-like symptoms (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, headache, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, muscle/body aches, and/or a new loss of taste or smell), do not attend work/school, and consider either seeking medical attention or getting a COVID-19 PCR or antigen test, depending on the severity of symptoms. Testing locations can be found by calling 2-1-1.

We have been taking several steps to stop the spread of the coronavirus at our school, including:

- Requiring a face covering when on campus and school buses.
- Promoting physical distancing as much as possible.
- Limiting visitors on campus.
- Adding handwashing and hand-sanitizing stations.
- Requiring that all employees and parents screen themselves and students daily for COVID-like symptoms before arriving at campus and/or riding the bus.
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and high traffic touchpoints throughout campus.
- Adhering strictly to the SUSD COVID-19 Response Plan.

For questions related to COVID-19, please either email COVIDparenthotline@maricopa.gov or dial 2-1-1, select option 6 (for COVID-19), and then select option 3 (for the COVID Parent Hotline) or visit www.Maricopa.gov/COVID19.

Please be sure that you are monitoring your email, the Arcadia website at www.susd.org/Arcadia and following our school on Facebook @ArcadiaSUSD for the latest news and updates.

We thank you for your continued vigilance in ensuring we can reopen, and remain open, through everyone’s cooperation with wearing face coverings, recognizing and immediately reporting symptoms to our school nurse, and staying home at the first sign of illness.

Sincerely,
Cain Jagodzinski
Principal