

Dear QCACS Community,

As we are settling into the new academic year, it has been awesome seeing scholars and staff at both of our locations. In the two weeks since we have reopened, bonds have been reestablished and new ones formed within our school community.

While it is great having everyone back at our QCACS campuses, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and unfortunately, our school community is still at risk for COVID 19 infection. To date, we have not had a major outbreak and we would like to try our best to ensure that we continue to avoid exposure within our school community. To that end, we need your help to ensure we keep everyone safe and healthy. One of the most effective ways that you can help is by not sending your scholar to school if they are sick. Even if you believe that it is a seasonal allergy or cold, COVID 19 symptoms can vary, therefore the best practice is to keep your scholar home.

As a school, we are committed to maintaining the following precautions:

1. Daily health surveying for staff and scholars on campus
2. Temperature checks and hand sanitizing upon arrival
3. Social distancing to the maximum extent possible in the classroom and cafeteria
4. 90% of our staff is vaccinated and we are pushing for 100% by October 15th

To date, we have had two separate non-related positive cases of COVID among scholars and one staff member. We have been in constant communications with the county health department about these cases and following all mitigation procedures by alerting any and all individuals that have had close contact. We know that this time is unnerving for all and we want to continue to be transparent in all that we are doing and will do to ensure the safety of everyone. Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out to our school nurse, Deborah Bailey @dbailey@queencity.edu, or administration as we want to ensure that everyone receives accurate information.

Lastly, in an effort to take all precautions, we are postponing back to school night as we want to control the number of parents in the building at one time. For this reason, we are surveying the parent community to see what is the best way to engage everyone for back to school night as we would like to have 100% of our parents participate either in person or virtual. To access the survey, please click [here](#). We ask that you please take this survey ASAP.

Back to School-Night will be during the week of October 11th. Please look out for more information to come.

Thank you for your help and for making sure QCACS remains a safe and healthy learning environment for our QCACS scholars and staff.

All the best,

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