

August 28, 2020

Dear TFS Families,

We continue to be transparent with our families about any COVID-19 related issues in the TFS school community. We have been informed that three of our TFS families and one staff member are being, or were, tested for possible COVID-19 concerns. One case involves a student's family member testing positive. In that particular case, the student has never been on campus, and we have no concerns of exposure at TFS. In both of the other student cases and the staff member case, there is no known exposure of the students or the staff member. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our communities, the staff member chose to stay out and be tested and the affected families are being proactive in keeping their children home as they await testing on family members who may have been exposed. We appreciate their partnership and concern for all members of our TFS community! We are in contact with all of the families, and have already heard that one of the two students and the staff member tested negative. We will follow up with everyone if there is reason for concern.

I also wanted to update everyone regarding the email I sent out last Friday. This communication involving one of our families potentially being exposed to a friend with COVID. We are happy to report that the students and parents tested negative for COVID-19. While they will still quarantine for the full two weeks, we are thrilled that they are not ill.

We are following all protocols and procedures in our re-opening handbook. We are letting all of you know about these situations to be fully transparent.

As always, we continue to follow our cleaning and sanitizing routines, in accordance with CDC and NC DHHS Safe Schools guidelines.

As always, we ask that you and your family continue to follow local, state and federal guidelines to protect your health and the health of those around you:

- wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer, when hand washing is not possible)
- wear a cloth face covering
- practice physical distancing by remaining 6 feet apart from others
- keep your student at home if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19

As we move through this year, we will find a way to offer a concise "update infographic" that will allow us the ability to provide a simpler update to our families about any COVID concerns. We remain committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty and staff, and to provide open and transparent communications. Please feel free to reach out to me or Joanne Sullivan, our school nurse, with questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Watson, Principal