

COVID-19 UPDATE

September 28, 2020



Dear Parents of Spring Lake Students,

The increase in COVID-19 cases in Brown County last week brought a lot of changes for our teenagers regarding school. For many this is the 1,000th email you've had to read about this subject so I apologize and I'll try to be succinct and clear. This Spring we followed the lead of schools in going virtual when they did, **but we announced earlier this Fall that we would not automatically follow schools this year. That means, that even though many schools have gone virtual, we are excited to gather again in person on Wednesday (September 30th)!**

Different schools have gone virtual for different reasons, which could leave you wondering – if my teen is staying home from school, should they stay home from Spring Lake Students? Not necessarily.

There are **THREE REASONS** we would ask students to stay home on a Wednesday night:

1. If they have tested positive for COVID-19
2. If they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19
3. If they have been **a close contact** of someone who has tested positive or is showing symptoms (in this case they should be following the quarantining/testing guidelines of the CDC).

We believe you as a family are best positioned to calculate the risk of allowing your teen to attend in-person gatherings and we trust that you will make the best decision for your family. We will continue to provide content online [through our youtube channel](#), but we want to provide an in-person option for those who would like to attend. And while we cannot *eliminate risk* we will continue to do our best to *mitigate* the risk of spread by continuing to require masks while in the building, encouraging social distancing and having middle and high schoolers meet separately.

If you have specific questions about your student's attendance or any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!

Thank you for your grace and patience,

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