

Good afternoon SHSD161 Families,

We're open, cautiously, but we're open for in-person learning. Thank you to our families for adhering to COVID mitigations, for keeping sick students home, and for our amazing staff for showing up, covering classrooms, subbing where needed, and for warmly welcoming students back for school in 2022! In our last correspondence, we talked of this being a total community effort, and it clearly showed today as we opened our schools.

We have received a handful of emails and calls asking about quarantine periods for schools. Quarantine periods for schools remain at 10 days for individuals who test positive for COVID-19. There has been no further action taken by the IDPH or ISBE to reduce quarantines for schools despite the CDC's recent updates. As such, until this is considered and approved by IDPH and ISBE, we will continue to adhere to the 10-day quarantine period. Individuals who have been exposed to a positive case will continue to follow the 7 to 14 calendar day exclusion.

Transportation continues to shift and change as well. Please check your PowerSchool information regarding bus routes, numbers, and times. Please log in via the PowerSchool parent portal at <https://summithill.powerschool.com/public/> with your username and password to view transportation information. Also, please make sure to be out at your bus stops and visible. New drivers may miss you at your stop if you are not easy to see. Please continue to be patient with transportation, the driver shortage is real and our bus service is doing a commendable job trying to cover routes for our students.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to work together to keep schools open and our students learning in person.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul McDermott
Your Superintendent