Osborn R-0 Students, Staff and Patrons,

Last week, Governor Parson, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced modifications to COVID-19 protocols for public schools and contact tracing.

This updated guidance will allow a greater number of our students the ability to attend school if they have been contact traced from a student that has tested positive or is presumed positive. This updated guidance could have prevented this recent school closure had it been in place just a couple of days earlier.

As a result, when we return to school on December 1st, our school district will require a mask for all students, staff and patrons upon entry to our building and all district transportation. This applies to all extracurricular events held here as well.

Exceptions can be made in those instances when social distancing can be established in classroom settings and for those who have an underlying medical condition, with documentation from a doctor, that makes wearing a mask prohibitive.

We will continue with our cleaning and sanitation protocol, we will provide the necessary masks for all students, staff and patrons, and we will demonstrate to each class the proper way to wear a mask and other necessary instructions as needed.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we move through these challenging times. As we do so, please be assured that the decisions we are making are intended to keep everyone safe, healthy, and in school.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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