



February 12, 2021

Hello Kahok Nation,

Since the start of second semester, we have closely monitored the health of our staff and students. In addition, we have eagerly awaited a health department vaccination plan for school personnel.

Beginning this weekend, the Madison County Health Department will hold a vaccination clinic for Madison County school districts on Saturdays for the foreseeable future. This means, by the end of the month, all school personnel who wish to begin the vaccination process will have the opportunity.

Our community's health data continues to improve. The health of our students and staff has reached a level that will allow a safe expansion of student attendance. Combined with the clear vaccination path outlined for school personnel, the district has finalized a plan to increase the number of days students attend each week.

**Here is the anticipated schedule for district schools to expand to four (4) days a week of in-person student attendance (Tuesday-Friday):**

Elementary Schools (K-4): March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dorris Intermediate School (5-6): March 9<sup>th</sup>

Collinsville Middle School (7-8) & Collinsville High School on March 16<sup>th</sup>

Please Note:

- Mondays will remain a Remote Learning Day as they have throughout the school year.
- Families always have the option to choose or continue Remote Learning through the end of the school year.
- At-school Rapid Point-of-Care Antigen Tests are available to students who exhibit symptoms during the school day. If your family has not returned pre-authorization forms, use [THIS LINK](#) to learn more and complete the form.

Please be on the lookout for “Change in Learning Plan Selection Request” information from the District on February 23rd. This form should be completed for any parent/guardian who wishes to *change* from a Full Remote Learning Plan to a Hybrid/In-person Learning Plan OR from a Hybrid/In-Person Learning Plan to a Full Remote Learning Plan. If you are not changing your current learning plan, you do not need to complete a form. This information is important as our schools finalize preparations for the anticipated expansion to four (4) days a week of in-person student attendance during the 4<sup>th</sup> academic quarter.

It is our hope no further Learning Plan changes will be necessary for the remainder of the school year. ***However, one thing we have learned during the pandemic is to prepare for the unexpected, and have alternate plans in place as a precaution. If adjustments to our plan are required, we will give families as much notice as possible.***

Over the past several weeks, our district has worked with the Madison County Health Department and Regional Office of Education as they prepare to vaccinate Madison County school personnel. This includes our health staff assisting in the vaccination process and school employees volunteering to on Saturdays at the Gateway Center vaccination site. I want to commend their efforts to make a difference as we navigate a pandemic and add another layer of safety for in-person learning.

Last, CHS Bands are hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner - take-out style - on Saturday, February 27th. Pre-ordered meals will be picked-up between 11 am and 7 pm in the back of the CHS cafeteria. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, February 17. I've included information on how to place an order. These delicious meals, paired with the live streaming of a Kahok basketball game that evening, will provide a great family experience!

We are excited to increase student attendance to four days a week. This will benefit their academic growth and improve their social/emotional well-being.

Please be safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, and social distance. Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Skertich Ed.D.

Superintendent