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Good Afternoon Phoenix CSD Families, Staff and Students,

Moving forward, I will likely send out updates every 2-3 weeks. If for any reason additional updates are necessary, I will be sure to send them to you in a timely manner.

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

• **COVID-19 Update –**

- We have seen a decrease in positive COVID-19 cases over the past 2 weeks. We are hopeful that these numbers continue to drop in the days and weeks ahead.
- Here is a quick summary of the first 6 weeks of school (as of 8 a.m. this morning):

School Week	# of Positive COVID-19 Cases
Week 1 (9/5 – 9/11)	3
Week 2 (9/12 – 9/18)	15
Week 3 (9/19 – 9/25)	18
Week 4 (9/26 – 10/2)	33
Week 5 (10/3 – 10/9)	12
Week 6 (10/10 – 10/16)	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

- Our dashboard is updated daily and may be viewed anytime using the following link - <https://www.phoenixcsd.org/Page/4337> .

• **Upcoming School Events –**

- While our goal is to have all events take place this year, there is a chance that some of our larger events will take place with some modifications (*they may be moved outdoors – weather permitting; they may be scheduled as a virtual event; there may be smaller and/or multiple concerts to reduce audience size, etc.*)
- A couple examples that have already taken place include:
  - JCB Homecoming Dance – the dance took place, but was held outdoors.
  - JCB Pep Rally – the pep rally took place, but was held outdoors.
- Please know that all of our decisions will be made with health and safety as our number one priority.

• **Oswego County DOH Updates –**

- **COVID-19 Rapid Tests – Pulaski Urgent Care – 3858 NY 13, Pulaski, NY 13142** - The Health Department continues to partner with Pulaski Urgent Care to bring free COVID-19 rapid testing to county residents. To register for a free COVID-19 test, please call the Oswego

County Hotline at 315-349-3330 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

○ **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics –**

The Oswego County Health Department hosts COVID vaccine clinics every Wednesday in October at the Nick Sterio Public Health Clinic, 70 Bunner St., Oswego, NY 13126.

Interested individuals can pre-register online at

[https://health.oswegocounty.com/information/2019\\_novel\\_coronavirus/covid-19\\_vaccine.php](https://health.oswegocounty.com/information/2019_novel_coronavirus/covid-19_vaccine.php)

or by calling the COVID-19 Hotline at 315-349-3330.

● **Stay Home When Sick and Get Tested -**

- Please be sure to monitor yourself / your children each day.
- Students and staff experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and be tested for COVID-19, this applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals:

Fever or Chills (100° F or more)	Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
Cough	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
Loss of taste or smell	Muscle pain or body aches
Fatigue / feeling of tiredness	Headaches
Sore throat	Nasal congestion / runny nose

- If you or a family member test positive for COVID-19, please notify me immediately at 315-695-1555 or [cbyrne@phoenixcsd.org](mailto:cbyrne@phoenixcsd.org), so that I can work with the Oswego County Health Department and plan our next steps (contact tracing, communications and / or programmatic changes).
- Also, please be reminded that if a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, all unvaccinated household members should stay home until contacted by the health department.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school district and programs. I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!!

Sincerely,

*Christopher J. Byrne*

Superintendent of Schools



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