



August 3, 2021

Dear Spaulding Family,

We have been notified of a total of thirteen (13) Spaulding staff members and four (4) Spaulding Students that have tested positive for COVID. Of the staff that have tested positive it is important to note that there are both **vaccinated and unvaccinated staff that have tested positive**. All students are resting and getting well and are isolated away from the other students. All COVID positive staff are resting and getting well at home. With the rise in COVID cases in the state and the now a confirmed outbreak on campus with several COVID positive staff members and the positive students, we will need to remain vigilant to utilizing protective measures for the students and staff regardless of vaccination status. All of us making these decisions feel frustrated, however, we have to continue to provide a safe place for the students and our staff.

Here is what Spaulding staff will be doing to keep our students and staff safe:

- Staff assigned to work in the building and with COVID positive students will be required to wear full **Personal Protective Equipment**.
- Staff need to wear **procedure masks** while indoors. (Regardless of vaccination status)
- Students need to wear **masks** indoors. (Regardless of vaccination status) Students will receive any support needed for this.
- Any person who displays **COVID symptoms** should not be coming to work or school. Symptoms are: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea
- All **residential students will remain at their cottages** or cottage playground until 8/16/21 (when it is our hope that they may return to school). A cottage group may take a van ride together or go to an outdoor unpopulated area as long as there is no intermixing. This means residential students will receive their education in the cottage.
- **Clinical staff** should not intermix in cottages until 8/16/21
- **Campus meetings** will utilize zoom, google meets, conference lines, etc at this time as opposed to in-person meetings. Exceptions may occur, but these will be few and will be specifically approved by Health Services.
- We will be restricting and limiting **on-campus visitors**. Any visitors that must be on-campus will be required to wear a procedure mask

Our family workers will be reaching out to families and collaterals to discuss specifics as well as any potential extended student home visits as well as any changes to on-campus visits. As this situation continues to evolve, we will send additional communication out to keep you updated.

If we pull together as we have time and time again during this pandemic, we are confident that we will get through this together.

As always, please reach out to the COVID response team at COVIDResponse@SpauldingServices.org if you have questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,
COVID Response Team