



August 6, 2021

Dear Spaulding Collaterals and Family,

We hope this email finds you all well. This week we were notified that a number (13) of Spaulding staff members and a group (4) of residential students have tested positive for COVID on campus, confirming an outbreak of COVID. Additionally, it has been reported that there are both vaccinated and unvaccinated people among the positive cases of COVID.

Given this outbreak, our need to implement additional mitigation strategies, and the strain this outbreak has placed on staffing, it is with a heavy heart acknowledging the difficulty this creates for everyone that we share these steps with you.

Spaulding Academy has adjusted the school calendar to provide a vacation week next week August 9th through August 13th, 2021. These school days will be made up using remote bags on the following holiday or vacation days: Labor Day 9/6/2021, Columbus Day 10/11/2021, 12/22/2021 and 12/23/2021, and Martin Luther King Day 1/17/2021.

Both Day and Residential students will not attend school next week and will have a vacation week. These educational days will be replaced as described above.

COVID has challenged all of us to be flexible implementing huge changes at a moment's notice. We recognize the immense strain these decisions place on everyone. It is our sincere hope that taking this action will suppress the outbreak and allow us to continue to provide in-person instruction again beginning August 16, 2021. We don't know what COVID has in store for us in the future and we sincerely do not want to initiate a remote educational environment. However, COVID has us all doing lots of things we do not want to do to lessen spread and create safe environments.

Spaulding staff and students will continue to be required to wear masks indoors for the foreseeable future. We urge people to not to come to work or school if they are showing symptoms of COVID.

Please reach out to me csliva@SpauldingServices.org or the COVID response team COVIDResponse@SpauldingServices.org if you have any questions or concerns.

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