



FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

December 17, 2021

Dear Forrestville Valley Community,

The following is our data for the week of December 17, 2021.

Data	Total District	FJSHS	FGS	GVGS
Number of Cases this week	10	8	1	1
Percent of Cases this week	1.14%	1.62%	0.37%	0.88%
Year to Date Cases (August 2021 – Present)	109	68	22	19
Change in Cases	-26	-17	-4	-3

We are seeing our numbers trending down and will do our part to see this continue when we return to school on January 3rd. Until we are confident we are heading in the right direction the following mitigation strategies will be put in place through at least Friday, January 14th.

- FJSHS will create a modified passing time schedule to limit the number of students in the hallways. In addition, FJSHS students will utilize their lockers before school, before lunch, after lunch, and after school only. Our goal is to limit the crowded hallways and increase social distancing.
- There will be no group work activity in any of our classrooms Prek-12. This allows for increased social distancing and assists with contact tracing.
- Additional Test-To-Stay Protocol:

Mrs. Nelson has found an alternative to the BinaxNOW testing that will allow our students to stay in school, should we experience such high numbers as we did last week. SHIELD testing is a saliva-based testing method developed at the University of Illinois. Utilizing SHIELD will allow both our students and student-athletes to stay in school and practice.

SHIELD testing will only be utilized as-needed for test-to-stay protocols for students not vaccinated. To utilize this test-to-stay protocol, **each parent must create a community account online**. Setting up your account now will ensure we have supplies ready to go in the event test-to-stay is necessary. When this protocol is implemented, results from SHIELD testing will be sent to your email and can be forwarded to Mrs. Nelson by taking a simple screenshot of results.

If your student is not vaccinated, we encourage you to set up a community account by visiting the website below and typing in the agency code. Parents will need to create the account in your own name and add your student(s) as dependent(s). This means only one account is needed per family. If you have already created this account for your student-athlete, you do not need to create another. The website includes step by step instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nelson at jnelson@fvdistrict221.org.

Website: shieldportal.pointnclick.com
Agency Code: df5brbrj

If your student is vaccinated, test-to-stay protocols do not apply, and you do not need SHIELD testing.

Regarding extra-curricular activities, we are limiting attendance to two individuals per participant through Friday, January 7th. This includes all activities held over our break, including Cardinal Youth Basketball. We will reevaluate our numbers when we return to determine what mitigations measures will continue.

I know we are all tired and weary as this pandemic continues and our region numbers increase. Again, I am asking for your patience as we do our best to keep our students in school. Please continue to do your part to keep our community healthy.

Please be safe during our upcoming break and have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Smith