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Greetings,

Salome Elementary School would like to thank all of our staff, students, and parents for helping to keep our schools a safe place for learning despite the challenges created by the community spread of COVID-19. As we continue to take steps that cautiously and slowly move us back toward our regular routines, there continues to be spread of the COVID-19 virus in our state, county, and community. We wanted to share a few practices that we hope will help keep everyone safe and slow the spread of COVID-19.

- If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home from school. Even if COVID has not been confirmed, it's still a good idea to keep your child home until you have talked with a health care provider or test results are known. Your child may not have COVID, but they could still be sick with a cold, flu, strep throat, or other contagious ailment.
- If someone in your household has a confirmed case of COVID-19 please consider all household members as close contacts and get tested and quarantine according to current guidelines. The new variants of the COVID virus have been found to be more easily transmitted so we need to continue taking measures that will slow the spread.
- If you suspect your child has COVID, we have trained staff members that can do the rapid test on site. However we ask that you let us know before your child gets on the bus or goes to class so we can isolate them for testing and prevent the chance of spreading.

We continue to follow many protocols that are effective at minimizing the spread in our schools. Along with the more common steps that we are all familiar with including: wearing a mask (optional); social distancing; washing hands; and avoiding large crowds, especially in confined indoor spaces. In a time where fast food, instant information, and immediate results have become commonplace, we continue to battle with a virus that has no adherence to such concepts. COVID-19 is not a fleeting topic trending on Twitter nor is it the next social media challenge sweeping the country only to be swept away a few days later. This virus has its own agenda, its own rhythm, and is unphased by the ever increasing pace of our everyday life. Since the virus began to spread across the globe more than a year ago, we have been told that we are "in this together" and we only need to "flatten the curve", "mask up", "wash our hands" and now "take a shot". All good advice, but catchy slogans are only effective if we follow through. No one can legislate or mandate behavior, but we can remind, encourage, and hope that together we can take the actions that are needed to get us all back to a more familiar and much missed way of life.

Regards,



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