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October 22, 2020

Dear PVSchools Families,

Data released this morning from Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) shows that COVID-19 numbers for our district have increased again and now place us in the "yellow light." This is definitely not the trend any of us want to see or for it to continue. As a reminder, should cases exceed 100 per 100,000 persons or 10% positivity, we will need to return to online learning.

It is imperative for all of us to follow public health recommendations not only at school, but also when we are away from school and in the community. The ability to keep our schools open is dependent on it. Make sure to help reduce the spread by following preventative measures such as staying home when sick, washing hands frequently, not participating in large gatherings, practicing social distancing when possible, and wearing a cloth face mask.

Here are a few other updates I want to share:

- **PVSchools COVID-19 Dashboard:** This afternoon, we updated the numbers on our dashboard to ensure cases were listed in the correct week and the data remains accurate, so you might notice a change in your school if you looked last week or this morning. Moving forward, the dashboard will be updated every Thursday by 9:30 a.m. with the number of positive cases of students or staff members at each school who have been participating in on-campus activities. The dashboard includes new positive cases from the prior week. We are now also including the cumulative total per school since we began tracking cases on October 5. The dashboard can be found by visiting pvschools.net/coviddashboard or pvschools.net/reopening and clicking on "COVID-19 Data Dashboard" in the sidebar.

- **Health Screenings for Home:** We all must work together to make our school campus as safe as possible for students, teachers, and staff. While PVSchools is taking measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, we need our families to do the same. Make sure to complete a health screening for symptoms at home (English or Spanish) prior to your child arriving at school. If you are unsure if your child should attend in-person learning, make sure to use our easy to follow chart (English or Spanish) to help. Sending students to school who are sick jeopardizes our ability to remain open. The health screening checklist and the screening flowchart can be found at pvschools.net/reopening.

- **Free COVID-19 Testing**: Maricopa County and Valle Del Sol are providing free COVID-19 testing on Saturday, October 24 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Paradise Valley High School. Visit pvschools.net/reopening for details and pre-registration information. Additional COVID-19 testing locations can be found at www.azdhs.gov.

- **Free Meals:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended flexibilities to allow free breakfast and lunch to be available to all students throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year. Please visit PVSchools Nutrition & Wellness for further information on meal service.

Remember to visit the district's website at pvschools.net/reopening for our latest metrics and links to important resources.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent