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Good afternoon BBS families,

With more families choosing the in-person option and COVID numbers declining overall, I want to give you a brief update on COVID as it relates to BBS and our mitigation requirements.

After [Executive Order 2021-04](#), Arizona Department of Health Services and Maricopa Department of Public Health revised the school dashboard. You will notice an additional indicator and a change in colors. Our numbers have declined from high community transmission to substantial. With that change, we must continue to follow all mitigation measures we have in place regarding physical distancing, masking, and hygiene.

Additionally, Governor Ducey rescinded mask mandates yesterday for counties and municipalities; however, per the Arizona Department of Health Services, [the AZDHS Emergency Measure requiring mask use in K-12](#) schools remains in effect. Everyone on campus must continue to properly wear a mask.

COVID numbers this week–

- Our percent positivity increased from 3.91% to 5.27%. With the new dashboard, the numbers are one week behind now instead of two.
- Our cases per 100K people decreased from 62.37 to 57.86.
- This keeps us in substantial spread, meaning we need to hold tight to the mitigation measures that have allowed us to safely operate this year.

OTHER UPDATES –

- MCDPH updated physical distancing guidance – in elementary schools, distance is 3 feet apart and masked.
  - 6 feet or more:
    - When eating
    - between adults
    - between adults to students
    - during exercise, singing , and other exhalation activities
    - in common areas such as lobbies/auditoriums

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone in our BBS community safe!

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