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I'm writing with important COVID updates, regarding the notification process, dashboard, and quarantine.

We are changing our COVID notification process so families will no longer receive conflicting exposure notices. Families will continue to be notified when their student was in a class with a COVID positive case or has been identified as a close contact to a COVID positive case. A close contact is defined as someone who was within six feet of the positive case for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. If your child is identified as a close contact, please pay close attention to the information your school provides. If your student is not symptomatic, they may return to school if they consent to twice weekly testing or have their vaccination card on file with the school office.

We have created a new COVID Dashboard to provide timely, relevant information on positive cases by school site. The Dashboard will now show cumulative cases from the start of the school year, as well as confirmed cases and positivity rate for the previous week. The COVID Dashboard is available on our website at jeffersonschooldistrict.com and will be updated Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm. Look on the left side for the green banner titled Site Shortcuts and click on the link COVID-19 Dashboard.

While the State currently is not able to fulfill orders for rapid testing, we are one of the first districts in line to receive them. The rapid tests will be used for asymptomatic screenings to provide quicker results. Students that test positive with rapid tests will then be tested with our current PCR tests for confirmation.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
James W. Bridges
Superintendent