

September 14, 2021

Dear Dixie Magnet Elementary School Families:

As part of my commitment to providing as much information as possible when it comes to matters of health and safety like COVID-19, I am writing to make you aware that we have had several students and teachers develop symptoms of COVID-19 and test positive for the virus today at school. This is in addition to multiple students in other grade levels across our school who tested positive last week and the 130 students who have been placed on quarantine in the past two weeks.

In light of the open concept construction of our building, and large numbers of siblings impacted in grade levels throughout the school, FCPS Superintendent Demetrus Liggins has made the preemptive decision to shift all students at Dixie to remote learning for the next three days – Wednesday, Sept. 15, Thursday Sept. 16, and Friday, Sept. 17 – to curb any possible spread. At this time, we plan to resume our normal schedule on Monday, September 20, 2021.

All students will bring their Chromebooks home from school today and receive instruction via Zoom for the rest of the week. You will receive follow-up communication from your child's teacher through Class Dojo with additional details. Expectations about class participation and attendance remain in place while we are learning remotely. Please let your child's teacher know if your family needs any support during this time.

We are still conducting contact tracing and will notify families if your child is deemed a close contact to any of the individuals who have tested positive so they can complete the quarantine process. For the next three days, Gravity Diagnostics will offer drive thru testing here at school between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Testing is free and no appointment is necessary. You can also have your child tested at any of the community sites listed here (<https://www.lexingtonky.gov/COVID-19/Drive-Thru-Testing>.)

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns, and please monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19. Should they begin experiencing any symptoms, please have them tested and report any positive tests to 859-381-FCPS (3277). If there are any updates or changes, I will communicate them with you via email. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Bruno

Dixie Magnet Elementary School Principal