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Dear OVSD Parents,

We are happy to report that even with more students on our campuses, our COVID-19 rates continue to decline. Currently, we have just one positive COVID-19 case among students and staff in our District. As a result, the Board of Trustees approved relaxing one of our COVID-19 safety protocols, while still aligning with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines.

Beginning Monday, May 17th, student and staff health/temperature screenings will no longer be required when entering school grounds. However, we do ask that parents conduct a health screening of their child each morning before coming to school, using the following protocol:

Is your child currently experiencing any new or unexpected COVID-19 related symptoms?

- Fever >100.4F or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Is anyone in your household presenting new or unexpected COVID-19 related symptoms?
- Have you recently had close contact (more than 15 minutes within six feet) with someone who is ill, presenting COVID-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19?

*If you answer YES to any one of the questions above, do not bring your child to school.

OVSD will continue to observe all other safety protocols in place. You may have heard today that the CDC relaxed mask guidelines for fully vaccinated people. However, this guidance does not impact our schools as our students have not been vaccinated. Our **mask guidelines** remain as follows:

- Students, staff, and parents must wear a mask when arriving and exiting school grounds inclusive of the parking lots; the boundaries will be the sidewalks surrounding the schools.
- Students, staff, and visitors must continue to wear masks while indoors and outdoors, regardless of social distancing and vaccination status.
- Masks are removed for eating and drinking. Teachers continue to provide mask breaks, as needed.

Orange County is on track to drop down to the Minimal Risk/Yellow Tier on the COVID-19 Dashboard on May 25. This is good news as a Yellow Tier designation will allow OVSD to conduct in-person 8th grade promotion ceremonies at Ocean View High School! We are encouraged by the progress being made in the fight against COVID-19, and we are planning for a full-time return in the fall with normal activities resuming.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent
Patricia Singer, President, Board of Trustees