



# March Family Update

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ADM Families,

The end of the third quarter is almost here and spring break begins on Friday - we have been in session for 128 days by the end of this week. Our students and staff continue to excel and execute our plan - this has allowed us to stay on site all year long. I have talked about how this experience will serve as a defining moment for ADM schools - and it most certainly has. We are locked in and ready to finish the 2020-21 school year in excellent fashion. Below are a few key updates that I would like to share with all ADM families.

## 2021-22 Academic Calendar:

On March 8, the ADM Board of Education approved the [2021-22 ADM Academic Calendar](#). As noted in previous communication, the start date of school has been pushed back a bit to August 30 to provide additional time to support the preparation and opening of Meadow View Elementary. Please note that the late start date is viewed as a unique change for the upcoming school year due to the opening of Meadow View Elementary - we anticipate returning to an earlier start in 2022 (the earliest start allowed by law is August 23).

## COVID-19 Daily Updates:

Over the past several months we have continued to see stabilization in the number of positive COVID-19 cases at ADM. As of March 8, we have a total of 3 current positive student cases (0.14% of total students) and 1 current positive staff member (0.30% of total staff). Our data also continues to demonstrate that staff and students are not likely to become positive if exposed to Covid while at school. The current Dallas County positivity rate is 5%, and no Dallas County residents are reported as being in the hospital related to COVID-19. All ADM employees have had access to an on-site vaccination clinic over the past few weeks with the final clinic later this month.

At the start of the school year we committed to emailing "Daily COVID-19" messages to all families and staff with a summary of positive COVID cases for each day. We feel this practice was appropriate at the time and provided knowledge and comfort for all within our system. However, we now feel that the time is right to remove this component from our COVID-19 communication plan. Starting March 22, we will no longer email daily COVID-19 updates to parents and staff. Parents and staff can continue to view real-time data using [ADM's COVID-19 Dashboard](#). Additionally, parents and staff can rest assured that if a student or staff member is identified as a COVID-19 exposure, that they will be notified by phone following the same protocols that have been in place since the start of the school year.

## COVID-19 Numbers at ADM:

The ADM Board of Education reviewed our [most recent Covid data at the March 8 Regular Board Meeting](#). Our local data clearly supports the continuation of full-time, on-site learning (with parent option for remote learning). Please review the following section for the most recent informational summary of COVID-19 Numbers at ADM.

## COVID-19 Numbers at ADM

Travis Wilkins, Director of Innovative Learning and Communication

ADM continues to study a variety of metrics to make determinations about the learning format most appropriate given the current context of COVID-19 in the school and broader community. Below are current student COVID numbers at ADM. Parents and community members can view all COVID-19 positive case notices and the ADM COVID-19 Dashboard at ADM's COVID-19 website: [www.admschools.org/COVID19](http://www.admschools.org/COVID19).

**Positive Cases:** The following data represents the current and historical numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 at ADM.

- **Current:** As of 3/8/21, ADM currently has 3 (0.14%) positive students and 1 (0.30%) positive staff members.
- **Historical:** As of 3/8/21, ADM has had 150 (7.13%) students and 50 (15.24%) staff members test positive for COVID-19 since the start of the school year.

**Quarantines:** The following data represents the current and historical numbers of individuals identified by the local health department as close contacts who are required to quarantine due to an exposure to COVID-19.

- **Current:** As of 3/8/21, ADM has 11 (0.52%) students and 1 (0.30%) staff member in quarantine.
- **Historical:** As of 3/8/21, ADM has had 738 students and 44 staff members placed in quarantine since the start of the school year.

The majority of students and staff identified as close contacts have been quarantined due to an exposure to COVID-19 that takes place OUTSIDE of the school setting. The following data represents the historical numbers of individuals identified by the local health department as close contacts who were required to quarantine, comparing exposures taking place at ADM and exposures taking place outside of ADM.

- **Historical - Exposed At ADM:** As of 3/8/21, ADM has had 205 students identified by the local health department as close contacts and quarantined due to an exposure to COVID-19 **in a school classroom, on a school bus, or an ADM event.** Of these 205 students, 1 ended up testing positive during their quarantine period.
- **Historical - Exposed Outside Of ADM:** In contrast, as of 3/8/21, there have been 533 students identified as a close contact due to an exposure taking place **outside of a school classroom, bus, or ADM event.** These are close contacts that are likely to have occurred whether or not ADM School was even in session, as they typically occur over the weekend, at family events, social gatherings, etc.

**County Positivity Rate:** The county positivity rate measures the percentage of individuals that receive a COVID-19 test who test positive. The data is reported daily in each county using a 14-day average.

- On August 12, the Dallas County Positivity Rate was 7.0%. As of 3/8/21, the county positivity rate is 5.0%.

**Average Daily Attendance Rate:** The average daily attendance rate measures the average daily attendance rate for students expected to learn on-site or virtually but who were unable to participate due to illness or absence.

- During the 2019-20 school year, ADM's average daily attendance rate was 95.34%. As of 3/8/21, ADM's 5-day average attendance rate was 94.73%. At this time, it does not appear that COVID-19 is having a significant impact on ADM's 5-day average daily attendance rate, as the current average rate is only slightly lower when compared to the 2019-20 school year average.

**On-site and Remote Learners:** Currently 95.20% of ADM students are attending school on site, with 4.80% of ADM students enrolled in the third 9-week remote learning period from January 18 - March 11.

### **ADM Wellness Screener:**

Families are reminded to use the [ADM COVID-19 Daily Wellness Screener](#) to identify if they are ill and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. This tool has been created in consultation with the Dallas County Health Department to help families and staff determine if and when they should come to school. One of the most critical safety mitigation measures is for staff and students to stay home when not feeling well. If you ever have any questions about whether your child should come to school or not, please reach out to the building nurse. They are very adept at helping work through these questions with families.

Enjoy your spring break!

Greg Dufoe, ADM Superintendent