



April Family Update

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ADM Families,

We are in mid-April and, as always, the spring is proving to be an extremely busy time of the year. We are excited for all the things this particular spring brings - like sports, fine arts concerts and productions, prom, and graduation. All of these things were upended last year. It has been so awesome to watch our students have the opportunities they so deserve! All of this makes for hectic schedules, but I consider that all a huge blessing after the spring of 2020. Here's to buckling up and finishing the school year strong.

2020-21 "Snow Day" Make Up Plan: Last Day of School May 28

ADM experienced 3 "snow days" this year due to inclement weather. On April 12, the ADM Board of Education approved extending the school year for students by one day with the last day of school changing from May 27 to May 28. This change represents making up one of the three days missed due to inclement weather. However, even with this change, ADM continues to exceed the hours required for annual student attendance by a large margin. Please note that May 27 is now a full day and the 1:00pm early dismissal is now on May 28. Our perspective has always been to attempt to remain as close to 177 days of school as possible while adjusting as necessary to that particular year's circumstances. This decision strikes the right balance between instructional time and the need to start summer break following a year in which students' learning environments were impacted so significantly by Covid-19.

COVID-19 General Trends and 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 April 12, we have a total of 0 current positive student cases and 0 current positive staff members. 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 4.9%. We hosted our final vaccine clinic (administered by Sumpter Pharmacy) on Friday, March 22 for all interested ADM employees.

Starting March 22, we discontinued the daily email 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 April 12 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. We also discussed with the Board some examples of mitigation strategies we have rolled back or modified over the past few months in light of our data. We are continuing to use our local conditions to help inform certain strategies that can be safely ended or altered. We are extremely grateful that we have been in school, full-time, since August 24 without interruption.

COVID-19 Numbers at ADM

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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.

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

- **Current:** As of 4/12/21, ADM currently has 0 (0.00%) positive students and 0 (0.00%) positive staff members.
- **Historical:** As of 4/12/21, ADM has had 152 (7.24%) students and 51 (15.69%) 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 were required to quarantine due to an exposure to COVID-19.

- **Current:** As of 4/12/21, ADM has 2 (0.10%) students and 0 (0.00%) staff members in quarantine.
- **Historical:** As of 4/12/21, ADM has had 751 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 took 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 4/12/21, ADM has had 206 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 206 students, 1 ended up testing positive during their quarantine period.
- **Historical - Exposed Outside Of ADM:** In contrast, as of 4/12/21, there have been 751 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 4/12/21, the county positivity rate is 4.9%.

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 4/12/21, ADM's 5-day average attendance rate was 94.56%. 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 96.57% of ADM students are attending school on site, with 3.43% of ADM students enrolled in the fourth 9-week remote learning period from March 22 - May 28.

Have a great rest of your week!

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