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LPS Community,

It has been an exciting week as we have welcomed back our secondary students to four days per week of in-person learning. Both students and staff have adjusted well, and we are looking forward to finishing the school year on a tremendous note and carrying that momentum into the 2021-2022 school year!

As it has been a few weeks since we provided you with an update, we thought we would share with you a brief summary of recent topics related to the pandemic and LPS:

- COVID-19 vaccine opportunities continue to increase for our community. In recent weeks, the vaccine has now started to become available for our young adults 16 years of age and older. If choosing to have your child(ren) vaccinated, there are several options for you to consider. We do, though, want to share with you information regarding COVID-19 vaccine opportunities through the Operation Safe clinic. They have shared with us that Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is approved for individuals aged 16+. A total of 3,500 doses have been made available for clinics on April 15-16, 2021. A parent or guardian must accompany aged 16-17 students to their appointment. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- The topic of *Wearing Masks in School* has become a common *Frequently Asked Question* in recent weeks. While we know there are varying opinions on this topic, please know that we remain committed to following guidance that is provided to us by local, state, and federal health professionals. Currently, guidance regarding masks in our school facilities has not changed, with students and staff required to wear masks while on District property. *As an exception, students are able to temporarily remove their mask when eating or drinking as well as when they are physically exerting themselves in PE, at recess, or when participating in a high intensity sport or activity.* As we have shared throughout the pandemic, if/when anything would change regarding this guidance, we will be committed to sharing information with you in a timely manner. As we provide you with this update today, it is most likely that we will finish this school year with the requirement of masks being worn by students and staff in schools. We would then remain in close contact with the Clay County Public Health Center to monitor how the situation evolves over the summer and if the guidance would change for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

As always, thank you for your continued support, patience, and grace as our entire team works through the remainder of the pandemic. Have a great weekend!

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