

Good evening Neal Families, this is your principal Dr. Fuga with some announcements,

I wanted to remind all students and families on COVID protocols and provide clarity on those safety processes. If a student gets sick and tests positive for COVID we are required to contact trace all students or staff that were within 6ft of that student for 15 minutes or longer. If a student or staff is contact-traced and vaccinated they are able to return to school as long as they have no symptoms of COVID. If a student or staff is not vaccinated but was properly masked and distanced and shows no symptoms then they may also return. Students and staff that do not consistently mask and distance properly will be required to quarantine for 10 days and can return after the 10th day as long as they do not show symptoms. This is why we stress the importance of masking properly and consistently. If any student gets sick during the school day and is sent home by the nurse. Students may return by producing a negative COVID test with no symptoms or an alternate diagnosis from a doctor with no symptoms for at least 24 hours. Otherwise, the student will be required to quarantine for 10 days returning after the 10th day. Please remind your students to abide by the safety protocols and masking expectations as we work together to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Reminder to all 7th grade families that their immunizations are required for proper health protocols in schools. All 7th grade students must have their immunization or proof of scheduled immunization appointment prior to November 1. Any student that does not have their immunization or proof of an appointment to get their immunization prior to November 1 will not be allowed to come to school until they get their immunization or can produce proof of appointment to receive their vaccinations. Please contact the school if you need more information.

Hispanic Heritage night celebration will be held on October 28th. Please join us for a night of performances, student work and celebration as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage night this Thursday October 28 from 6-7:30 here at Neal.

Covid testing through MAKO medical will be available on site at Neal one day a week. We are not sure of the day and time yet but will notify families as soon as we get that information, so please sign up for covid testing available weekly at Neal. Information to register is available on our website and the DPS website. You can use the link provided to register your student.

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=tf-dur-675-students>

That is all for these announcements, we look forward to seeing everyone this week at Hispanic Heritage night!