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Dear MJSD Families,

As we have since the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020, we continue to work with the Menasha Health Department(MHD) and the State Department of Health Services(DHS) to determine our best course of action. Our most recent data shows our case burden rate (cases per 100,000) significantly lower than it has been. Also, the Health Department has been able to complete disease investigations and contract tracing in a timely manner and local health care providers have capacity to care for those who are in need. There is still a lot to be done and we all need to continue doing our part to get this into a manageable situation.

We have plans in place to get our staff vaccinated as soon as we can; with March 1st as a projected start date. A few people in higher risk circumstances have already been vaccinated, but only if they fall by definition into the initial category of those eligible for vaccines established by the DHS.

Improving numbers of cases in our community and the ability to get our staff vaccinated are two variables that will affect our choices to bring students back into school full time. We continue to study options for social distancing, so we are prepared when that time comes.

I realize that we are all weary of COVID 19 and all that has come along with it. Please stay vigilant as we make progress towards getting all of our students back into school full time.

City of Menasha COVID-19 info: <https://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/departments/health/covid-19.php>

MJSD COVID webpage <https://www.mjsd.k12.wi.us/district/district/covid-19>

Learn more: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm>

Sincerely,

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