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**CCSD Evaluating Options for Remote Learning as COVID Cases Increase**

*Coffman Encourages Families to Learn More About Consequences of Their Choices*

While the administration, teachers and staff at Cambridge City School District believe the best way to educate children is face-to-face in the classroom, the increase in number of COVID-19 cases and corresponding quarantines has district leaders evaluating remote learning options.

“Our goal is to keep schools open and keep our students in our classroom where we believe our students receive the best possible education,” Superintendent Dan Coffman said. “Unfortunately, the rising number of COVID-19 cases may force us to return to remote learning as we did in some form and fashion the last two school years.”

Cambridge School District, as well as many other school districts, announced their intentions to open their schools five days per week for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Cambridge also decided not to implement a mask mandate giving students and employees the choice to wear a mask.

The Ohio Department of Health released a COVID-19 Quarantine Flowchart that encourages all students and staff members to wear masks and physical distance from one another to avoid large-scale quarantines.

The flow chart and a letter were sent to all Cambridge City School District families last week and were posted to the district’s COVID-19 webpage which can be found on at <https://www.cambridgecityschools.org/COVID-19Info.aspx>.

As a reminder, quarantine protocol is completed by the local Health Department and our district assists with contact tracing for this process. Cambridge City School employees do not determine who is asked to quarantine.

While Cambridge Schools has not implemented a mask wearing policy, it is important that the community understand how wearing a mask and/or getting a vaccination plays a role in determining if a student or staff member is quarantined by the local Health Department.

“As a district, we believe in personal choice,” Coffman stated. “We want our families to be informed and strongly recommend that they review the Quarantine Flowchart released by the Ohio Health Department and educate themselves about COVID-19. We want families to understand the outcomes that arise from their choices.”

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 protocols in our District, we encourage you to reach out to our COVID Coordinator, Jennifer Howell, at 740-435-1115 or Superintendent Dan Coffman at 740-439-5021. Specific COVID-19 questions and quarantine questions should be directed to the local Health Department.

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