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Dear FCA Families,

Since the pandemic began, the health and safety of FCA's students and staff has been our top priority. We worked hard over the summer to prepare for a school year that would include the least amount of disruptions possible, and like many of you, we were looking forward to something close to *normal*. Although we felt confident that our initial plan created a safe environment, recent guidance from the Fairfield and Ohio Health Departments (released on August 25th and September 1st) caused us to make some additional changes.

According to the guidelines, unvaccinated individuals without masks who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID, must be excluded from school for 10 days after the date of last contact.

In order to ensure that the least amount of students need to be excluded from school, we have taken measures to distance students throughout the school day. Our goal is to keep students and staff safe, healthy and ***in school***. Because of our large facility we are able to spread students out during the school day, therefore limiting the potential for close contact with an individual who might unknowingly be positive for COVID. Although somewhat inconvenient, this small step will cause as few students as possible to be excluded from school. Your support in helping your children understand the reason for distancing is appreciated. Masks continue to be optional for students and staff.

In addition to distancing, we will continue to encourage and model good hygiene practices, remain vigilant in cleaning and sanitizing the building, and we especially encourage those who are sick to remain home. All teachers are maintaining a Google classroom so that students who are temporarily absent can keep up on assignments until they return. Together, we can make this a great school year!

FCA exists to educate young people in an atmosphere of Christian faith, and the commitment and sacrifices of many have allowed that goal to be a reality for over 20 years! We are thankful for each family that makes up this community of believers, and we give all honor and glory to the Lord for his continued care and protection during this most unusual moment in time.

Sincerely,

Craig Carpenter