

August 22, 2021

Parents and Staff,

On August 2, MBG returned to many of the protocols that we followed during the worst part of the Covid19 outbreak requiring staff to wear masks, social distance as much as possible, to encourage parents to drop off and pick up rather than to stay inside the building, and encouraged everyone to mask up inside the building. Thank you so much for helping in this matter.

We promised to revisit the recommendation on August 15, which we did and therefore; renewed those recommendations until the end of this month. We promised we would continue to monitor the situation and discontinue or change as needed.

Whereas MBG has been fortunate NOT to have been negatively impacted currently or in the past with infections from Covid19 or any other illnesses, we do want to keep it that way. We value the safety and security of both our students and staff.

We have heard from many doctors, many of whom live in our neighborhoods, the severity of this latest strain referred to as the delta variant especially in children and younger adults.

On Friday, August 20, Dr. Mark Wilson (Jeffco Health Dept. Officer) issued a "Call to Action" letter. The letter asked everyone to mask up when inside and around others. I viewed the letter as a plea for help. Copies of the letter can be found in our lobby or online at: <https://www.lcdh.org>.

Dr. Scott Harris (AL Health Dept. Officer) stated that ICU capacity is full and hospitals currently have 2700 patients in hospitals with Covid. Some 8000 children have been diagnosed with Covid. South Alabama will receive medical assistance from the military in the coming days because of this outbreak. I understand another group has been requested for other locations in Alabama.

MBG has always been proactive when it comes to the safety and security regarding our students and staff.

Therefore, ***we will require masks within our building for all staff, students, parents and visitors.*** At coaches discretion, students may go maskless while on equipment because of safety issues or when distancing themselves greater than 6'. Please continue to monitor your children and please don't send them to practice or classes with any symptoms. Should anyone have a medical reason that they can't wear a mask or have additional questions, please contact their coach directly or Leila, gym director. I am also available should you need to talk with me.

These actions are based solely upon the pleas from our healthcare community to do our part and due to the outbreak that we currently see with our own eyes.

Heart Attacks and car accidents don't stop because we have Covid. Unfortunately, these too often require ICU beds. When hospitals and ICU's are full, any person that needs those beds and those medical personnel will be negatively impacted.

So I also plead with each of our staff, students, parents, contractors, and visitors to help us do what we can to get through this outbreak.

Please trust that this is NOT a permanent solution but only a temporary measure to help our current healthcare situation. We will return to normal as soon as possible. We got through the outbreaks earlier this year and last year and were able to open back up so with your help we will do it again.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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