



# FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #22I

SUPERINTENDENT  
Mrs. Sheri Smith

January 7, 2022

Dear Forrestville Valley Community,

The following is our data for the week of January 7, 2022:

Data	Total District	FJSHS	FGS	GVGS
Number of Cases this week	22	7	6	9
Percent of Cases this week	2.51%	1.41%	2.24%	7.96%
Year to Date Cases (August 2021 – Present)	137	76	30	31

**While there continues to be concern regarding our number of positive cases, please note:  
Only THREE of the positive individuals were physically present in our school building this week.**

Thank you for keeping your student(s) home when they do not feel well and for contacting Mrs. Nelson for testing. This keeps other students from being identified as close contacts and makes a significant impact on the contact tracing, test-to-stay protocols, and saves resources. THANK YOU!!

We are experiencing a significant BinaxNOW shortage and therefore are not able to utilize this resource for test-to-stay protocol. Please take advantage of free SHIELD testing available, which will allow unvaccinated students to stay in school if identified as close contacts. This information was sent previously and is included again on page 2.

Please remember we are continuing to follow mitigation strategies through Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> including limited passing time for secondary students and limited group work Prek-12 and will reevaluate at that time.

Extra-curricular activities will resume as normal, with no ticket entry required. Please note this is an ever-changing situation which we continue to monitor closely. If tickets will be utilized in the future, communication will occur directly through our coaches and advisors. If you are not directly involved in our sports programs, we would ask you to consider temporarily participating in our events via our live stream feature, found on the district website. The goal is to keep our students playing and participating as long as possible and mitigate as many measures as we can.

This week we experienced our first closure due to inclement weather. If you do not receive our skylert phone messages to notify you of delays or closures, please contact your school office as soon as possible to be added.

There are many moving parts to the operations of our schools, and I want to thank you for your support and participation in keeping our doors open. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Smith*

# SHIELD TESTING

We are currently experiencing a shortage of BinaxNOW tests. Therefore, we had to explore another option to allow our students to remain in school when identified as a close contact. This option is SHIELD testing, which is a saliva-based testing method developed at the University of Illinois. Utilizing SHIELD will allow both our students and student-athletes to stay in school and practice.

SHIELD testing will only be utilized on an as-needed basis for test-to-stay protocol for students not vaccinated. In order to utilize this test-to-stay protocol, **each parent must create a community account online**. Setting up this account now will ensure we have supplies ready to go in the event test-to-stay is necessary. When this protocol is implemented, results from SHIELD testing will be sent to your email and can be forwarded to Mrs. Nelson by taking a simple screenshot of results.

If your student is not vaccinated, we encourage you to set up a community account by visiting the website below and typing in the agency code. Parents will need to create the account in their name and add their student(s) as dependent(s). This means only one account is needed per family. If you have already created this account for your student-athlete, you do not need to create another. The website includes step by step instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nelson at [jnelson@fvdistrict221.org](mailto:jnelson@fvdistrict221.org).

*If your student is vaccinated, test-to-stay protocols do not apply, and you do not need SHIELD testing.*

Website: [https://shieldportal.pointnclick.com/login\\_login.aspx](https://shieldportal.pointnclick.com/login_login.aspx)

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