

**September 16, 2021**

**A Message from ABLE Superintendent Clem Lee**

**COVID Alert and Update**

Greetings, ABLE Students and Families!

Here is the essential information about COVID that every family needs to know.

- There have been COVID exposures at ABLE since school started.
- When we learn that there has been a positive COVID case we follow CDC protocols and the guidelines in the *COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools* published by the California Department of Public Health. We also consult with the San Joaquin County Health Officer if we believe it is necessary.
- When a student or staff member is positive for COVID we contact trace to determine who must quarantine.
- If your child and/or your child's siblings must quarantine YOU will be contacted directly by phone, email, and mail with instructions.
- If you are NOT contacted, you should continue to send your child/children to school.
- If your child/children shown ANY flu-like symptoms in the morning, keep them home!
- Parents should share COVID test results with the front office – NOT the teacher or other parents. Everyone who needs to know will eventually know, which leads to the next bullet.
- Following the protocols and ABLE's instructions will get all of us through this; panicking or overacting do not help.

For children who must quarantine we will provide instructions for staying current with instruction. It won't be perfect, but we will do our best to keep children connected with their teacher(s) and with their studies.

Last, I must be perfectly clear:

***Everyone who is eligible for the COVID vaccination should get it now if they have not done so already!***

Everyone age 12 and older is eligible to receive the vaccine.

**If you have any questions about COVID protocols do not hesitate to contact the school. ABLE staff are glad to assist you.**