

Dear MVCDC Families,

Like organizations and businesses all across the community, MVCDC is seeing additional COVID-19 cases. **We had a staff person in the transportation department test positive this week.** All the children this individual transported will quarantine for 2 weeks. This exposure impacted Springfield's Town and Country program, among others. **A maintenance employee based at our administrative offices also tested positive,** and the individual's colleagues who work at multiple sites are now quarantining.

We are all doing our best to keep our families safe! **But we can't let up.** Ohio is seeing a huge spike in cases, meaning that the chances for exposure are climbing. Montgomery County's health department has issued a Stay-At-Home Health Advisory. Here is some of what health officials said:

"Public Health has observed a significant increase in community spread of COVID-19. ... **Residents are advised to only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food, or receiving deliveries.**" Also, "Residents are **advised to limit holiday celebrations this year to people in your immediate household and not risk gathering with others.** Traveling, hosting guests indoors, and sharing food, utensils and plates all pose significant risks. ... Residents are **strongly advised to not invite guests into their homes,** unless they are essential workers providing services such as plumbing, heating or electrical work. During such service, all workers and residents should wear masks and maintain as much distance as possible."

MVCDC programs will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25 and re-open Monday, Nov. 30. While your children are away, please strictly limit their and your contact with those not living in your home.

One way to stay in touch with your family and friends during the holidays is on Zoom. You can host multiple people all at once and get together virtually. **Normally, Zoom limits its free service to 40 minutes, but on Thanksgiving Day, it's lifting that restriction. Sign up for a free account at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).**

Have you heard about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? **All children from birth to age 5 can get a FREE book sent to your home every month! There's no catch,** and if you enroll when your child is born, you'll ultimately have a home library of 60 great books. **To sign up, go to [ImaginationLibrary.com](https://imaginationlibrary.com).**

Ohio's travel advisory is for 14 states. If your child visits one of the following places, he or she will need to quarantine for 14 days before returning to class: **Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin.**

For families who live in the Dayton Public Schools district, [DPS announced Tuesday](#) that because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases, it will close all schools beginning next week and not re-open until January, after the holiday break. The district will not be offering virtual instruction during this 6-week period and will extend the school year until June 29.

See you November 30. We are grateful this Thanksgiving for you! Thank you for allowing us to support your child and family. Please celebrate safely!

Gratefully,