

Dear MVCDC Families,

This has been an exciting week for our country with the inauguration of our 46th president! The United States has been seriously challenged this last year. But as President Biden said, we can solve any problem by uniting and working together!

We have 4 new COVID-19 cases to report this week:

- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **Dayton View** in Montgomery County, resulting in 2 other staff persons and 8 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **Findlay Early Head Start** in Montgomery County. No staff or children needed to quarantine.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **Moraine Meadows** in Montgomery County, resulting in 5 other staff persons and 9 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 1 case involved a child at the **London** center in Madison County, resulting in 3 staff members and 12 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.

It's been some time since I've recapped our experience with COVID-19. Here are cumulative statistics that illustrate how MVCDC has been impacted:

- **As of Wednesday, Jan. 20, we have had 82 positive cases since June 12 when we had our first incidence.**
- **72 staff members and 10 children spread across 14 of our 27 sites have tested positive — 13 sites have had no cases.**
- **4 sites have had to totally close for a period of time, and 32 classrooms have had to be closed for 14 days.**

To prepare for when vaccinations are more widely available, we'd like feedback about how we can support you. Take this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentVaccineSurvey> and let us know your preferences and ideas!

Here are some [frequently asked questions](#) about COVID-19 with important and reliable answers from the Ohio Department of Health. Did you know that according to the [Centers for Disease Control](#), there currently is no evidence suggesting that taking any specific medications, like blood pressure medication or ibuprofen, leads to more severe illness from COVID-19?

We're so happy to be enhancing our mental health services for children under the leadership of Jeff Witwer, our new director of mental health. With a host of others, Jeff is helping us open our **Therapeutic Interagency Program (TIP for short) classroom at the MET next week where we'll be serving 8-10 children.**

I'm also excited to announce that our new annual report will be out next week! Take a look at it on our website to learn about all that your child's teachers and your FSSs are doing!

Finally, this is just another reminder that we have a new app that can help you get important information and keep in touch. Go to the app store on your phone and **search for Miami Valley CDC** to download it on your devices.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Barta".