

Dear MVDCDC Families,

Unfortunately, we have 8 new COVID-19 cases to report this week:

- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at the **Early Childhood Education Center** in Clark County, resulting in 3 additional staff and 8 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 2 cases involved children at the **Springfield Children's Center** in Clark County, resulting in 3 staff and 5 additional children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at the **Springfield Children's Center**, resulting in 3 additional staff and 7 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 1 case involved a classroom staff member at **Rosa Parks** in Montgomery County, resulting in 10 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.
- 1 case involved a transportation staff member for the **Stuart Patterson** and **Dixie** centers in Montgomery County, resulting in 2 additional staff and 20 children needing to quarantine.
- 1 case involved another transportation staff member for **Stuart Patterson**, resulting in 1 additional staff person and 15 children needing to quarantine.
- 1 case involved a child at the **Marilyn E. Thomas Children's Center** in Montgomery County, resulting in 3 staff and 8 children needing to quarantine. One classroom was closed.

The high number of COVID-19 cases this week is a reminder of how important it is that we continue to adhere to safety protocols. Although more and more of us are being vaccinated, we still need to maintain safety practices. Being vaccinated gives us a sense of reassurance, but we are not fully protected until 14 days after the second vaccine dose. Visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/> to learn more about the vaccine, determine eligibility and schedule appointments.

Don't forget the **Homefull Mobile Grocery store will be at the Marilyn E. Thomas Children's Center (MET) TODAY.** The store will be **open from 1 to 4 p.m.** for Head Start families and Trotwood community members and accepts most forms of payment, including SNAP/EBT. Here are some great videos of Homefull's first stop at the MET earlier this month:

<https://youtu.be/Dsx6PwRx7oE> <https://youtu.be/Rlg-9I5qFyQ> <https://youtu.be/L2lrpUeSo68>

If you have friends or family who are interested in enrolling in Head Start or Early Head Start, have them call 937.2.ENROLL. Remember to **contact your Family Support Specialist to re-enroll your child for the 2021-2022 school year** if you have not already done so. If your child will be transitioning to kindergarten in the Fall, check with your teacher and Family Support Specialist about transition activities.

Spring is finally here! Be on the look-out for communication from your child's center regarding Spring Break closings. Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Gratefully,