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Community Update
January 13, 2022

Good morning,

Rim of the World Unified School District is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases throughout the district. In the last few days, we have had 151 students/employees test positive, increasing 50% over the last three days. Schools are experiencing staff shortages in all schools averaging 20%. This is far exceeding the highest two-week totals since the beginning of the pandemic.

In order to be responsive to this rise in COVID-19 cases within the community, we are exchanging two previously scheduled non-student days in March to this next week. **Schools will be closed starting Saturday, January 15, and will reopen on Thursday, January 20.** This change will allow students and staff to stay home for five days to reduce the spread of COVID 19; allow our district to reset and continue to provide services for our students and families.

We recognize that this change in the calendar is of short notice and may present a challenge for families. This decision was not made lightly but is necessary for the safety of our staff and students as well as our ability to continue in-person services. Updated school calendars will be available soon.

During the five-day reset, we ask that everyone continue to follow COVID-19 protocols, limit exposure, and take advantage of the free rapid testing kits available to all students and staff. These kits may be picked up from the District Office side parking lot this Friday, January 14 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. We strongly encourage everyone to use the kit to test on Friday evening and again on Wednesday prior to school resuming on Thursday, January 20th. In addition, our COVID-19 partner AM LLC will be offering testing Monday, January 17 - Wednesday, January 19 at Rim of the World High School. We encourage you to take advantage of this additional testing opportunity.

ALL students and staff will return to school on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

-ROWUSD Administration