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Hello OMSD Students, Parents, Families, and Staff:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. This communication is prepared in an effort to provide our OMSD community with the latest COVID-19 updates.

The Omicron variant has spread quickly within our region and we want to remind our students, families, and staff of the importance in practicing and maintaining OMSD's COVID Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies.

As a reminder, everyone is required to wear a mask when indoors, maintain physical distancing to the best extent possible, and frequently wash hands. We want to keep everyone safe and as such, students and staff **should remain at home if experiencing any COVID symptoms.** This includes unvaccinated individuals who have recently been in close contact with someone who is COVID positive.

For our parents, the Student Symptom Decision Tree can be a useful tool when trying to determine when to keep your child home. You can access the Tree by clicking on this <u>link here</u>, contacting our District COVID Action Team (CAT) at (909) 472-4096 or by visiting our District website at www.OMSD.net.

We realize the challenge in trying to access COVID testing during these times. As such, OMSD is pleased to share that we are providing multiple options for accessing COVID testing through OMSD.

The District will provide additional access to COVID testing for our OMSD students, staff and families, beginning Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Hardy Center located at 1515 S. Bon View Ave., Ontario, CA 91761. The Hardy Center testing option will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 am-11:30 am. While no appointment is necessary at the Hardy Center, registration will be required. Click Here to Register. Please visit our District Website for the most recent information on how to access all COVID Testing offerings.

Additional COVID Testing Opportunities for STUDENTS:

- > OMSD School Site Testing Kits (please contact your school site directly)
- ➤ OMSD Hardy Testing Site (Opening beginning Wednesday, 1/5/2022)
 - Walk up, no appointment needed
 - Hours of operation: Monday Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 am.
- Find available testing site/appointment
 - San Bernardino COVID Testing
 - Private medical provider

Additional COVID Testing Opportunities for STAFF

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 - San Bernardino COVID Testing
 - Private medical provider
- ➤ OMSD Hardy Testing Site Option (Opening beginning Wednesday, 1/5/2022) Hours of operation: Monday -Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - Walk up, no appointment needed
- > Testing kit at OMSD sites (please contact school site/supervisor directly)

As we navigate this recent uptick in COVID cases, I can't stress enough how important it is for us all to do our part in helping minimize exposure by observing OMSD's COVID-19 Multi-Layered Mitigation Strategies. Together we can keep our schools safe.

OMSD will continue to work closely with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health to monitor trends and recent information related to COVID-19 in our area. We will evaluate any appropriate guidelines and actions to help keep our students and staff safe and informed.

Respectfully, James Q. Hammond, Ed.D. Superintendent