



Rhodes School
for the Performing Arts

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Dear RSPA Parents,

I am ecstatic that RSPA has been able to safely welcome all our scholars and families back to our campuses. Although we have many hurdles to overcome this year, the health and safety of everyone who steps foot on our campuses are at the forefront of my agenda.

Based on a recent [news article](#), there have been 20,256 reported cases among students across the state since the school year began. That is a very high number, and unfortunately, many of our scholars are included in this number. These numbers show that COVID-19 is still a threat to our community. I am asking that all families remain vigilant by staying at home if your scholar or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, or has COVID-19 [symptoms](#). The CDC also recommends wearing masks and getting vaccinated, if possible.

To continue our efforts to keep everyone safe, RSPA crew and scholars will now have access to COVID-19 rapid tests on site. These tests will be administered by your campus nurse. The results of these tests will be available after 15 minutes. All parents must fill out a [permission slip](#) for their child prior to getting tested. RSPA will continue to contact trace and notify parents after we are informed of each positive case.

Our buildings are sanitized with "Shockwave" each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This chemical is an EPA registered disinfectant, sanitizer, and cleaner capable of killing human coronavirus. Shockwave is strong enough to be used in a hospital or medical environment and has been specifically formulated to be used on both porous and non-porous materials.

Lastly, I will remain committed to staying abreast of all COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations from the CDC including the recommendation of vaccines. Additionally, we will continue to host vaccine drives on our campuses.

I understand that despite all the precautions that we are taking, contracting COVID-19 for some is still inevitable. If you are indeed positive for COVID-19, please email your campus principal and our COVID-19 Response Team at covidresponse@rhodesschool.org. Let's be "crew" by doing our part!

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