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Dear Parents:

Summit County Public Health (SCPH) understands the importance of students being in school for their academic advancement, social development, and well-being. Please help us keep the spread of COVID-19 down as we head into the colder holiday months and continue to experience significant spread in Summit County. It becomes even more important as we see Summit County hovering on the Level 3/Red designation and our cases increasing to the highest daily case counts since the beginning of the pandemic that we adhere to social distancing and risk reduction efforts.

While SCPH has seen significant cases associated with schools in Summit County, the cases are primarily linked to outside activities and social gatherings versus spread from within the school buildings.

We need your help by reinforcing with your children the following strategies that we know work to slow the spread of COVID infections:

- **Maintain a six-foot distance** from other individuals including family and friends.
- **Always wear a cloth face covering when out in public.**
- **Do not attend or hold gatherings indoors even with family and friends.** This includes parties, sleep overs, social gatherings and/or holiday parties and meals.
- **Keep your children home when they are sick or have a fever of 100.4 or higher.**
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with your elbow or sleeve, or a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash or sanitize your hands afterwards.
- **Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth or removing your mask with unwashed hands**

If we all work together we can achieve our goal of keeping kids in school and participating in sports and other extracurricular activities.

If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F. You can also visit our website at www.scph.org/covid for more information.

Sincerely,

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