

## **Metrics for On Campus Return to Virtual Instruction:**

To set a clear decision-making process for situations that may require a return to fully virtual instruction, the following metrics will be weighed, yet are not mutually exclusive of each other. We track not only County numbers, changing state of Maryland requirements, as well as our own Green Acres changing rate of COVID-19 symptoms and students/staff awaiting testing, and/or positive COVID test results of students/staff who were on campus. These metrics include:

- The rate of change of COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County,
- Requirements for the state of Maryland, and
- The health of the Green Acres School community (including the number of community members quarantining, waiting for test results, or exhibiting symptoms).

Any combination of these metrics would trigger a meeting of the COVID task force:

- >15/100,000 7-day average rate of new cases in Montgomery County
- >5% test positivity rate over 7-day running average in Montgomery County
- 2 or more positive COVID test results within a maximum 2-week period of students, staff, and personnel having prolonged exposure (cumulative total of 15 minutes or longer within a 24-hour period) with the Green Acres community, who were on campus within 48 hours of symptoms presenting.
- We may reassess if the new case rate increases by 2 per 100k or if positivity rate increases by 1.5% within 2 weeks

## **The next steps:**

1. COVID Core Task Force is convened, evaluates data, and recommends to the Head of School (HOS) whether to move to virtual instruction or remain open.
2. The HOS will meet with the Admin Team about communicating the decision.
3. The HOS will communicate the decision to all staff, Board and families (in that order).
4. A town hall parent meeting is offered to address and clarify the next steps and timing, and reminder of metrics that will bring students back on campus.