



## Fernwood Elementary School

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### **Subject: Christmas Performance Postponed due to COVID-19**

Dear Fernwood School Community,

After much deliberation and with great hesitancy, we regret to inform you that we must postpone our Holiday Performance until after the Christmas break. This decision was made for two reasons: One – we were made aware today that a person who was present in Fernwood has tested positive for COVID-19. The CPS Contact Tracing Team is currently investigating this report and will follow up directly with students and staff who are determined to be close contacts. Secondly – with the rise in COVID cases in our community, we feel postponing the event will be in the best interest of safety.

What we need from you:

- When students are not feeling well, please keep them home.
- Students need to bring their own mask every day. The school is unable to provide a mask to hundreds of students each day. We are asking each student to bring in two boxes of disposable mask to their classroom after Christmas.
- Sign up for weekly testing at school. The more students who test weekly the better. You can sign up for testing at <https://www.color.com/readychckgo-cps>
- We encourage you to get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at most Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy and most hospitals.

#### **Where can I access additional information?**

For the most reliable information, please visit [chicago.gov/coronavirus](http://chicago.gov/coronavirus) or [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus). To contact the Chicago Department of Public Health with questions about the virus, please email [coronavirus@chicago.gov](mailto:coronavirus@chicago.gov) or call 312-746-4835. Phone lines are currently staffed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that this call center can not access COVID-19 testing results. For testing inquiries or results, please contact your healthcare provider

For district updates and resources, visit [www.cps.edu](http://www.cps.edu). If you need help locating medical care or have any CPS-specific questions, please reach out to the Healthy CPS Hotline at 773-553-KIDS (5437), which is staffed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Robert L Towner  
Principal