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To all MLIB Staff:

I am writing in response to the recent positive Covid -19 cases that have been reported in the community. Administration in alignment with the Chief have made the decision to close the offices on Tuesday, January 25, until 8:30 a.m. Monday January 31, 2022 to slow the spread. Employees are expected to work from home during this time and maintain daily contact with your supervisor/Manager.

We are now encroaching on our third year of dealing with this virus but we must remain vigilant even though many of us are experiencing Covid fatigue. We have experienced devastating losses in our community so we will continue to err on the side of caution to protect staff and community members.

It is up to each of us to personally take inventory to see what we can do to protect those around us, in our homes, our offices and in our communities.

Continue to isolate, socially distance, rigorous hand washing, only essential travel, wearing only medical grade masks, disinfecting high traffic surfaces.

Omicron is concentrated in the upper airways, such as your nose and throat, making it much more transmissible than other variants we have seen previously and while the symptoms are presenting as much milder there is still risk to our vulnerable members.

Updated protocol suggests:

If you test positive for Covid you must remain home for 5 days if you are asymptomatic.

Returning employees must always wear masks and strictly follow safety protocol .

Vaccinated employees who are exposed to Covid are not required to quarantine IF asymptomatic.

Unfortunately, the pandemic is not going to end imminently. Consequently, employers and their workers must continue to remain vigilant.

Thank you to each of you in our continued fight to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe.

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