



Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Parents and Staff,

Today, we received notification that one of our middle school students and two of our high school students were positive cases for COVID-19. Following the protocols already established for this situation, we have been in contact with local public health officials from the Berrien County Health Department and are working to support all needs for follow-up with those individuals who may have had COVID-19 exposure in this case.

At this time, there are 27 close contacts with these cases. We are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff and will continue to work with local health officials as needed.

As a reminder, when someone tests positive for COVID-19 or is a probable positive, those individuals identified as close contacts to the positive person will be notified about any potential exposure as part of the contact tracing process conducted by the Berrien County Health Department. Those who had close contact with the individual will be given instructions for a 14-day quarantine past their last date of exposure. In these cases, **if you haven't heard anything from the Berrien County Health Department, then you do not need to be concerned about potential exposure and no further actions are needed at that time.**

The coordination and communication between our school team and the Berrien County Health Department has been smooth, which is a testament to the many weeks of planning and preparation for our potential response to COVID-19 within our school environment. We will continue to work with the health department to supply them any information needed to aide in the COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing process.

We assure you we are taking all recommended and necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at all times. Please use this notification as a reminder of the importance of practicing health and safety precautions at all times to mitigate the spread of all illness, including COVID-19. This includes wearing a cloth face covering or mask when in close proximity with others, practicing frequent hand washing, staying home when sick and continuing to screen students for potential symptoms of illness before sending them to school each day.

Thank you for your support as we continue to respond to these evolving events as a school community. I am very proud of the way our students and staff has been demonstrating flexibility and cooperation during this time. If you have any questions, please reach out directly to me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Leslie
Superintendent