



# Pine River Area Schools

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November 17, 2020

Dear School Community,

Yesterday afternoon, the health department confirmed one additional School Associated Case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person in our school district. We have implemented increased daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols at all buildings and we are doing everything we can to maintain face-to-face instruction with our students. (Reminder, per emergency order: K-7 only in person from November 18 to December 9.)

We continue to work closely with the Central Michigan District Health Department and District 10 Health Department to identify Close Contacts of all School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Anyone identified as a Close Contact will be notified by the health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. School officials are also making phone calls. Please answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if staff members or students are not experiencing symptoms:

**Wear a mask** (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people who do not live with you must visit your home.

**Practice social distancing** (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).

**Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol).

**Follow MDHHS restrictions** regarding social gatherings.

**Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands.

**Stay home if you are sick;** you can also [get tested](#).

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can currently maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

If you have any questions, contact Central Michigan District Health Department, Osceola County office at 231-832-5532. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

Matt Lukshaitis, Superintendent