



CROSWELL-LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Cros-Lex Families:

On Friday December 4, 2020, the Middle School Administration was informed by the Sanilac County Health Department of one new confirmed positive COVID-19 case at the Middle School with a substitute staff member. Contact tracing from this one positive COVID-19 case alone, has led to **eleven** staff members and **thirty-four students** to be quarantined. You can find updated information on our COVID-19 Dashboard [HERE](#). We were reminded today by the Sanilac County Health Department of the dramatic increases of positive COVID-19 cases in our area. In November alone, Sanilac County registered 590 new positive cases, which is more than we have had since March 2020.

Due to the significant staffing challenges Croswell Lexington Middle School, effective **Monday December 7th - January 4th will pivot to remote learning, with return to school for face to face students on Tuesday January 5th**. Middle School families will be contacted by the school administration with more information. At this time, we are still able to continue with face-to-face learning for pre-school – fourth grade. We anticipate an update from the Governor and the State Health Department before the December 8 expiration of the MDHHS Emergency Order, which restricted high school face-to-face learning. We plan to share out a district communication after the Governor's update.

We are working closely with the Sanilac County Health Department to identify Close Contacts of 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. Please answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information. If you are contacted by the health department and asked to quarantine, please refer to the link [HERE](#) for further information. In addition to the County Health Department contact to families, the School Administration will also be in contact with families directly impacted by the quarantine.

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 at least 60% alcohol).
- **Follow [capacity restrictions](#)** of 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 follow the link to [get tested](#) or call 810.206.0682.

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 maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.



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As always, please contact your school or the district office with any questions. For any COVID-19 specific questions, please reach out to the the Sanilac County Health Department at 810.270.5889. You can also call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus for answers to your COVID-19 questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gilbertson
Superintendent