



Notice to Families and Staff
January 18, 2021

Please find below a statement from Galesburg-Augusta Community School District and Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department regarding the recent COVID-19 positive test.

Today, the Galesburg-Augusta Community School District learned of a primary school staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19. As in every situation, close contacts have been identified and we are notifying those that need to quarantine.

Total COVID-19 positive cases per building, staff, students and the district totals are now available on our website under "[COVID-19 Dashboard](#)."

Galesburg-Augusta Community School District works closely with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department on all public health recommendations for the district, the specific school buildings, and those identified as affected individuals. As a reminder to parents and guardians:

If your child is ill, please keep them home. If he/she develops signs and symptoms of COVID-19, they should be kept home, and the parent or guardian should contact their child's Primary Care Physician.

COVID-19 is a contagious viral illness that can occur 2-14 days after exposure to an individual with the virus. Exposure, also known as close contact, includes being within six feet of an infected person for 15 minutes or longer. The virus is spread by droplets in the air and sometimes on surfaces that come inside a person's mouth, nose, or eyes. Based on available evidence, the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. However, children generally show no symptoms or mild symptoms. Reported symptoms include cold-like symptoms, such as fever, sore throat, muscle pain, chills, new loss of taste or smell, feeling out of breath, and cough. Headaches, vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported.