



# Pine River Area Schools

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February 4, 2021

Dear School Community,

Since yesterday evening, the health department has confirmed two additional School Associated Cases of COVID-19 in a student or staff person in our school district. This puts us at seven positive cases. As a result, we currently have 161 staff/students who either have tested positive or are out quarantined due to possible exposure, awaiting results on a COVID test, or out to care for small children at home in quarantine.

Our closure for the week in the middle school-high school has been based on these many cases and the need to sanitize and disinfect the many rooms and surfaces in the middle and high school buildings.

**Given this information, and the lack of staff available to teach in our middle school on Monday, February 8, the middle school (grades 4-7) will continue the Intermittent Learning schedule they have been following this week. The high school (grades 8-12) will return to face-to-face instruction on Monday.**

**To recap: Grades 4-7 will not be in school on Monday, February 8. Grades K-3 and 8-12 will be in school. Parents and students, please plan accordingly.**

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.

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.

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