



Pine River Area Schools

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Dear School Community,

Today, the health department confirmed two additional School-Associated Cases of COVID-19 in a student or staff person in our school district. This puts us currently at nine (9) positive cases with 179 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.

These numbers should come down considerably on Monday, March 22, as many staff and students come off of the mandated quarantine—right now projected numbers would see us down to 109 staff/students in quarantine after the weekend. As always, we are working hard to keep kids safe and make notifications as quickly as we can.

It is important to remember that 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. Once a case is confirmed by the health department, then contact tracing begins. 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.

Sincerely,

Matt Lukshaitis, Superintendent