

April 15, 2021



Notice to Families and Staff,

*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 middle school student and a middle school staff member who have tested positive for COVID-19. These positive tests are not related to each other, and therefore are not considered an outbreak. As in every situation, close contacts are being 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:

**We are seeing a rise in students coming to school with symptoms.**

**PLEASE, if your child is ill, keep them home.** We need to stress how important it is, that parents ask their students each day whether they have any symptoms at all. 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.

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