

April 29, 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 tests.*

Today the Galesburg-Augusta Community School District received additional information that confirmed an outbreak in one of our high school classrooms. An outbreak is defined as two or more individuals testing positive and are related to the same event. The original exposure occurred last week and therefore, all the newly reported positive cases are individuals who have been in quarantine. Today we know of four (4) individuals from this classroom who have tested positive for Covid-19. Two of those were already reported and recorded. Two new cases were reported today and are now recorded on our Covid Dashboard. All individuals who need to be quarantined have already done so.

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

Galesburg-Augusta Community School District is working closely with the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department to begin vaccinating students ages 16 on up. Please watch for further information. Vaccinations will help us complete the school year, enjoy student activities, attend summer athletic camps and prepare us for the opening of school in the fall.

**PLEASE, if your child is ill, keep them home and get them tested as soon as possible.**

*Reported symptoms include cold-like symptoms, such as runny/stuffy nose, fever, sore throat, muscle pain, chills, new loss of taste or smell, feeling out of breath, and cough.*

We need to stress how important it is, that parents ask their student(s) each day if they have any symptoms. If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, they should be kept home, and the parent or guardian should contact their child's Primary Care Physician.

**This will reduce the risk of spread in school, among athletic teams, and keep others from being quarantined.**

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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