



REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Student, Every Day... Commit, Succeed, and Lead

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Re: Positive Covid-19 Cases - Reed City Elementary and Middle Schools

Dear RCAPS Families:

Reed City Area Public Schools received notification on Wednesday and Thursday of this week that individuals at Reed City Elementary and Middle Schools have tested positive for Covid-19. A classroom at GT Norman has been identified as a potential outbreak because three or more individuals are displaying symptoms that we are unable to connect in any other way than through classroom contact. You will be contacted directly with further instructions if your child has been found to be a close contact. Identified close contacts will be excluded from in-person learning based on guidance from the Health Department. A flowchart is included with this letter, previously published on 8/23, outlining how the district will determine close contacts to begin the school year and the steps that will be taken.

Please continue to monitor your students for symptoms that are new, different, or worse from the baseline of any chronic illness. The safety, health, and well-being of our staff, students, and community will continue to be our priority. **Keeping schools open for in-person learning depends on all stakeholders doing their part by monitoring individual health conditions. Additionally, the Central Michigan Health Department continues to strongly recommend vaccinations for those that are eligible and masking when in crowded outdoor conditions and indoors at all times.**

Reminder to All - Please Stay Home If You Are Sick

Staff and students with any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness) should stay home:

Please monitor your students for the following symptoms:

- Fever/chills
- Sore throat
- Uncontrolled coughing
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion/runny nose
- Diarrhea, nausea/vomiting,
- Headache

We will continue to keep you updated with any new information while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Sweet
Superintendent