

October 7, 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 learned of a primary school student who has tested positive for COVID-19. We have identified those who are considered close contacts and have notified those that need to quarantine.

It is important to know that the recent positive cases at the Primary school and Middle School have been identified as contracting Covid outside of school. At this time we have no evidence that there has been any spread of covid in classrooms. Having said that, we continue to utilize our mitigation measures--enforcing masking K-6 and adhering to strict seating charts, including pods at the Primary School. We also are able to utilize rapid tests in certain situations. We continue to encourage parents to keep students home if they have symptoms related to Covid, and we have appreciated families contacting us when there is someone in the family who tests positive. This ensures isolation and quarantine can occur right away.

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 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:

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.

If you would like more information on the new quarantine/isolation guidelines, please see the Covid-19 Information page on our district website at www.g-aschools.org.

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