



November 1, 2021

Dear Center Cass Parents & Guardians –

I hope everyone had a fun but safe weekend. It was great to see kids out and about ushering in Fall. With that said, social events and holidays come with increased risk to COVID, so please monitor your child's health closely, and at the first sign of symptoms, keep your child home and contact the School Nurse.

Our School Nurses were busy today with contact tracing. We had a report of one positive student case at Elizabeth Ide. We had reports of two positive student cases at Prairieview. In addition, this weekend we also received a report of a positive employee at Prairieview. Four positive cases over a short period of time is new for Center Cass and should bring a heightened awareness.

After reviewing each school's attendance records, we had 20-30 students out per building. Some absences were excused and some were unexcused. The absences were for a variety of reasons, mostly non-COVID related. However, some of the absences are due to symptomatic students who are receiving COVID tests (a few individuals per building).

We are optimistic that the vast majority of our absences do not have COVID; however, we need to be prepared in the event that those being tested come back positive.

We greatly appreciate parents using extra caution after holiday weekends. We will be ramping up our cleaning and disinfecting this week until we get over the post-holiday spike. Students and adults are masked and distanced inside our three schools. Due to a collaborative commitment between school and community, we have been able educate students without transmission inside schools.

I will provide an update tomorrow or Wednesday. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely –

Andrew S. Wise, Ph.D.  
Superintendent