



November 4, 2021

Dear Center Cass Parents & Guardians –

With each passing day, our attendance has improved and we receive good news from families who were concerned from holiday activities. Between the COVID testing D66 has conducted this week, and the COVID testing parents conducted on their own this week, we have recorded over 100 negative test results, with the only positives already reported to you. With that said, we do have one new student COVID-19 case at Lakeview Junior High to report with no in-school close contacts.

As a reminder, any in-school close contact can enter into the “Test to Stay” program endorsed by IDPH. We can conduct the testing here at school for any in-school close contact, and as long as the student who was a close contact stays asymptomatic and produces a series of negative COVID-19 test results, they can stay at school. With that said, per IDPH guidance, students who are considered close contacts out-of-school are not eligible for the “Test to Stay” program.

As many cultures gather during the months of November and December for holidays, we need to be cognizant that we aren’t free of COVID-19 yet. The nation as a whole made great gains in slowing the Delta variant during the month of October; however, as today’s NPR article shared, COVID numbers are on the climb again throughout the country. Below you will find the 7-day trend for the three zip codes which serve D66 (from Northwestern Dashboard). Although still green for positivity, there is a steady increase in positivity and new cases.

Over the Last Week:

Table with 8 columns (dates 10/27/2021 to 11/2/2021) and 4 rows (Tests per Day, Cases per Day, Positivity Rate, Number of new cases (7-day) per 100,000 population). Positivity rates range from 2.41% to 3.59%.

\* Calculated as 7-day rolling averages

Gathering is important, and the CDC recognizes that people will gather and travel. If you are gathering or traveling, please read the CDC guidance to help you do so safely. In addition, please avoid hot spots to help reduce risk.

The D99 Feeder Consortium’s Vaccination Clinic sponsored by Kodocare on November 21 and December 12 is fully booked. For those who were not able to reserve a spot in the clinic, we will do our best to secure vaccines and sponsorship to host another clinic in the near future. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions. Thank you for your partnership and support of D66 schools.

Sincerely –

Dr. Wise