

December 8, 2021

Greetings EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members,

The primary reason for this correspondence is to inform families and staff members about recent changes to the mitigation strategies at EGF ISD 595. Members of the COVID-19 and Incident Command Teams recently met to discuss the quarantine protocols for class contacts in school and the number of students and staff members who were out on quarantine. The latest COVID related data through Monday, December 7, 2021 is also listed below for you to review. Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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## **Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan Updates**

**EGF ISD 595 COVID and Mitigation Strategy Changes** - East Grand Forks ISD 595 has transitioned to new quarantine protocols for students and staff members who have been deemed a close social contact, which would include time in school or school activities. This school district will continue to contact trace when a positive case is reported to the COVID team. If a student or staff member is determined to be a close contact, the family will receive written notification via email, text or phone call. The written correspondence will recommend quarantine and masking, but not require either one unless it is a very unique situation (multiple positive cases in a classroom, building, activity, etc) PLEASE NOTE - This adjustment DOES NOT include household contacts. District COVID staff members have seen significant transmission of the virus in households and quarantine will be necessary for those students or staff members unless certain criteria (vaccinated, COVID positive in the last 90 days, isolated, etc) are met. A sample of the written notification families and staff members will receive when determined to be a close social contact is listed at the bottom of this update.

**EGF ISD 595 COVID Case Data** - The latest COVID related data for East Grand Forks ISD 595 is listed below. There have been a total of 119 confirmed positive COVID cases reported to the COVID Team since the beginning of the school year and over half of them have been in the last month.

<b>Date: December 7, 2021</b>							
<b>East Grand Forks ISD 595 COVID Data</b>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>New Heights</b>	<b>South Point</b>	<b>CMS</b>	<b>Senior High</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
YTD Positive Student Cases	7	32	29	19	27	0	114
YTD Positive Staff Cases	0	2	1	1	0	1	5
Active Positive Student Cases	2	1	4	1	1	0	9
Active Positive Staff Cases	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Student out pending test results	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
Staff out pending test results	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Students in quarantine (school or household)	3	13	8	14	2	0	40
Staff in quarantine (school or household)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Completed							705

- 11.5.21 = 56 (first nine weeks of school)
- 11.8.21 = 67
- 11.11.21 = 81
- 11.17.21 = 87
- 12.7.21 = 119
- **63 new cases since 11.5.21 (last four weeks)**

### **SAMPLE COVID NOTIFICATION LETTER**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The primary reason for this letter is to inform you about recent positive COVID-19 case in your child's classroom. If your child develops symptoms, please keep your child at home and contact your child's school. COVID-19 testing is encouraged, especially if the symptom persists, worsens, additional symptoms develop, or when COVID-19 transmission is substantial or high in the community.

As a parent/guardian you also have the option to quarantine. If you choose to quarantine, please call the school your child attends so someone from the COVID-19 team can give you a return date. We are also highly recommending having your child wear a face-covering for the next 14 days while attending school. Just as a reminder, COVID-19 symptoms fall into two groups:

**More common** symptoms are one or more of the following. A fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; and new loss of taste or smell.

**Less common** symptoms include two or more of the following. A sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; and new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.

