



April 27, 2022

Dear Center Cass Families,

I am writing to inform you that over the last three days, we have seen an uptick in COVID cases. The vast majority of cases have been students who are symptomatic. Once symptomatic and identified as positive, each student is following the IDPH quarantine guidelines.

From the last three days we have:

- Two Positive Cases from Elizabeth Ide
- Fourteen Positive Cases from Prairieview
- Five Positive Cases from Lakeview

The cases at Prairieview do not follow any particular trend as they come from all three grade levels inside a mix of classrooms. The only commonality is that several of the students attended Movie Night at Prairieview last Friday evening.

D66 is following the 5 day quarantine guidance for positive cases or close contacts who may require quarantine. The guidance allows students to return to school with a mask after completing a 5 day quarantine. With the recent spike in classes, we are requesting that students who return to school on Day 6 or after either A) eat lunch in an alternative location with proper social distancing of 6 feet, B) go home for lunch with families, or C) utilize the 10 day quarantine option until they are no longer contagious. We want to be respectful of everyone's right to privacy but also want to ensure that students are not spreading the virus from Day 6 through Day 10 while eating lunch in a non-socially distant environment.

Even though our uptick in COVID cases is pre-dominantly in our 9 through 12-year-old population, other area school districts are seeing the same uptick throughout their age levels.

As we enter a time of higher transmission, please

- Consider wearing a facial covering
- Consider washing and sanitizing hands more frequently
- Consider increasing distance between you and others

Until the spike subsides, we will be looking at ways to increase distancing, especially during times when masks are off.

As we enter May, the amount of after school and evening activities increase. Most of these events are outside, but some are inside. **For inside events, please take the level of caution you feel comfortable with to protect yourself and others.**

The Principals and Nursing Department will be monitoring new cases closely this week and will provide you an update on Friday.

Sincerely –

Andrew S. Wise
Superintendent of Schools