

September 4th, 2020

Parents, students and community members,

On September 4th, 2020 the local health department notified the district personnel of a positive COVID 19 case with a high school student. The last time the infected person attended school was on August 31st, 2020. The infected student does not have siblings that attend Galatia Schools. The individual has been contacted by the health department and is now in quarantine. While we must protect the privacy of individual students, the district does want to be as transparent as possible with the community. We are working with the Egyptian Health Department with the contact tracing that now must occur. Anyone who was in close contact with the infected person (6 feet or less for more than 15 minutes) will be contacted by the local health department in the near future. All district buildings have been cleaned and disinfected daily and will be cleaned and disinfected again tonight. The health department has stated we could continue school on Tuesday without further actions. After contact tracing is completed, if the health department changes their recommendation on reopening we will notify parents of any closures.

Parents should watch for COVID symptoms in the coming days with their children. The most common symptoms are shortness of breath, fatigue, sore throat and coughing among others. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms please keep them home from school and contact your health care provider if symptoms develop. For additional information on COVID symptoms please go to the Illinois Department of Public Health Website at: WWW.dph.illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Shain Crank, Superintendent