



September 28, 2020

Please find below a statement from the Galesburg-Augusta Community School District and the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Service Department regarding the recent COVID-19 outbreak:

Out of an abundance of caution, Galesburg-Augusta Community School District has decided to close all school buildings due to individuals testing positive for COVID-19 within the Early Childhood Special Education classroom. At this time, there are three positive cases associated with this outbreak.

The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department uses the CDC outbreak definition, which is when two or more cases are considered an outbreak if the cases are epidemiologically linked. Per the CDC guidelines, individuals who have tested positive have been isolated, and individuals who have been identified as a close contact have been notified and quarantined. To date, there is no known exposure outside of the Early Childhood Special Education classroom.

Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department is working closely with Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools on all public health recommendations for the school district, Early Childhood Special Education Center, and those identified as affected individuals.

Galesburg-Augusta Community School District is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Thursday, October 1, 2020. Further communication will be sent confirming this reopen date.

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Complaints or inquiries related to discrimination should be forwarded to:

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Galesburg, MI 49053

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As a reminder to parents and guardians:

If your child does develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19, they should be kept home and the parent or guardian should contact their child's Primary Care Physician.

COVID-19 is a contagious viral illness that can occur 2-14 days after exposure to an individual with the virus. Exposure, also known as close contact, includes being within six feet of an infected person for 15 minutes or longer. The virus is spread by droplets in the air, and sometimes on surfaces, that come inside a person's mouth, nose, or eyes. Based on available evidence, the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. However, children generally show no symptoms or mild symptoms. Reported symptoms include cold-like symptoms, such as fever, sore throat, muscle pain, chills, new loss of taste or smell, feeling out of breath and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported.

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