



September 30, 2020

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

On Monday, September 28, the Galesburg-Augusta Community School District decided to close all school buildings due to individuals testing positive for COVID-19 within the Early Childhood Special Education Center. At that time, there were three positive cases associated with this outbreak, and there were no other known exposures outside of the Early Childhood Special Education Center. Out of an abundance of caution, and while public health conducted their investigation, Galesburg-Augusta Community School District decided to close all school buildings.

Upon further investigation and swift public health intervention, five individuals are now associated with this outbreak. They are in isolation, and their close contacts have been identified, notified, and are in quarantine. There is one known exposure outside of the Early Childhood Special Education Center within the 5th grade. The individual who tested positive is in isolation, and their close contacts have been identified, notified, and are in quarantine. At this time, there are no additional exposures within the 5th grade. Unrelated to this outbreak, one individual has tested positive and is in isolation. Further public health investigation is ongoing.

Galesburg-Augusta Community School District works closely with Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department on all public health recommendations for the district, the specific school buildings, and those identified as affected individuals.

Middle School and High School will reopen on Monday, October 5, 2020

- **All extracurricular activities (including practices, games, and performances) will be postponed this week and will resume on Monday, October 5, 2020**

Primary School will reopen on Monday, October 12, 2020

- **This includes all programming, the enhancement center, and daycare**

It is the policy of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools that no discriminatory practices based on sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance.

Complaints or inquiries related to discrimination should be forwarded to:

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The health and wellbeing of our staff, students, and their families are of the greatest importance. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging times.

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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