



REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Student, Every Day... Commit, Succeed, and Lead

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Dear Coyote Staff, Family, and Community:

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented and challenging times, I find communication with you to be paramount. Recently, a Reed City Area Public schools staff member was identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. A close contact is defined, by the CDC, as being within 6 feet, for at least a period of 10 minutes, starting from 2 days prior to illness onset, of a person that has received a positive COVID-19 test result. The Health Department is aware of this situation and the RCAPS staff member will remain in quarantine for 14 days, as recommended by health officials.

We realize that this maybe the first District staff close contact but in all reality, it will not be our last. We will continue to diligently take safety precautions to limit possible exposures in our buildings to keep our students, staff, and community healthy. Thank you for your continued understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are unable to release names or other personal information. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you as we can. A COVID-19 dashboard will soon be available on the District website that will provide information, updated daily, regarding positive cases and individuals in quarantine.

Please continue to monitor your students for symptoms that are new, different, or worse from baseline of any chronic illness. The safety, health, and well-being of our staff, students, and community will continue to be our priority.

Please Stay Home

Students with any of the following symptoms (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness) should stay home:

- Temperature of 100.4 and above or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headaches

I am proud of the dedication and commitment that each staff member of Reed City Area Public Schools has displayed during the start of this school year. They are all working tirelessly to support education, dietary, transportation, emotional well-being, and the basic needs of just being a kid. These things all look very differently this year and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Sweet
Superintendent