



October 7, 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:*

Today, the Galesburg-Augusta Community School District learned of a high school student who has tested positive for COVID-19. The student is in isolation, and their close contacts have been identified, notified, and are in quarantine. This student is unrelated to the Early Childhood Special Education Classroom cases and outbreak and the other individual at the Primary School campus who tested positive for COVID-19. There is one additional positive case associated to the Early Childhood Special Education Classroom outbreak. This individual tested positive while already in quarantine.

To date, Galesburg-Augusta Community School District is reporting the following for COVID-19 cases and outbreaks:

Primary School campus

1 positive case

Early Childhood Special Education Classroom

5 positive cases (is defined as 1 outbreak)

Middle School campus

1 positive case

\*This case was part of the Early Childhood Special Education Center outbreak

High School campus

1 positive case

**The Middle School and High School remain open. We believe we have isolated all individuals and the building is safe for continued learning. The Primary School (including all programming, the enhancement center and daycare) will reopen on Monday, October 12, 2020.**

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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. 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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