



Morris Elementary School District #54

Inspiring Excellence In Every Child Every Day

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our district will continue to keep students and parents updated as we navigate the new school year. We are all working hard to provide the safest learning environment possible, and we need everyone to remain focused on attending school only when healthy and doing their part to be cautious in personal activities outside of the school day. In an effort to provide communication to our parents and students we have developed the following table based on our current numbers. Our plan is to send this information out weekly utilizing this format.

Waiting on a COVID-19 Test Result?

If you OR anyone in your household has tested for COVID-19, you should not attend school until there is confirmation of a negative test result. Students and parents should also work closely with the school nurse to determine a return to school date. This is very important for not only your health, but also protecting each other from potential exposure.

District Categories for COVID-19 Reporting

The table below provides a high level overview of the number of students, faculty, and staff affected by COVID-19. Throughout the school year we will have people in self-isolation or quarantine and we expect those numbers to fluctuate. We will continue to monitor our counts in conjunction with the Grundy County Health Department to guide future decisions.

Morris District #54 COVID-19 Self-Isolation and Quarantine (Data shown is a snapshot in time as of 10/9/20 and is not cumulative.)	
STUDENTS - 0 _____	COVID-19 Self-Isolation: Students, faculty, and staff that have been diagnosed with COVID-19 will remain in self-isolation for a period of time as directed by the local health department. Specific criteria must be met before these individuals are allowed to return to school. Note: Anyone in the household of a COVID-19 positive individual should not attend school.
STUDENTS - 12 _____	Symptomatic Quarantine: Students, faculty, and staff that are exhibiting some type of illness or COVID-like symptoms will remain at home until they have determined the nature of their illness. Specific criteria must be met before these individuals are allowed to return to school.
STUDENTS - 4 _____	Healthy Quarantine: Students, faculty, and staff that are considered a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, must quarantine at home for a period of time. This does not mean they have COVID-19, but may have been exposed to the virus either at school or in their personal life. As directed by the local health department or on a voluntary basis, these people are taking the extra precaution of staying home to protect others in the event they develop symptoms. This number will always be much higher than confirmed COVID-19 cases.
FACULTY/STAFF - 0	
FACULTY/STAFF - 1	
FACULTY/STAFF - 2	

Putting this in perspective

Based on the total student and staff population, the COVID-19 positivity rate is - .0%, symptomatic quarantine is - .011%, and the healthy quarantine rate is - .005%. Note: 389 students are full time remote learners, but those students are eligible to return to campus for extracurricular activities or specific course work. These students are tracked along with the total student population and are reported in the total population for data analysis.

Student Absence

Please continue to report student absence to the attendance hotline at (815)942-0056. You may be contacted by the school nurse to have a follow up conversation about the absence.

We are very encouraged by the care and caution parents have demonstrated by keeping students home who are ill or may have been exposed to someone that is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. It is up to all of us to help protect each other, and we have some of the best students, parents, faculty, and staff around.

Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent of Schools