

January 11, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Today, January 11, 2022 we learned that a person in your child's classroom at Ross Park GSRP tested positive for COVID-19 on January 8, 2022. This person last attended class on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. This case will now be noted on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

Given we are now beyond 5 days from exposure, current CDC and MDHHS guidelines for schools recommend all individuals in the classroom to wear masks and continue to monitor for symptoms. It is also your choice to keep your child for the entire 10 days post exposure (return January 18th due to MLK). Should you choose to keep your child home this would be an excused absence.

As a further classroom precaution during the upcoming days, staff will be conducting multiple daily temperature checks of each child attending class. Should another member(s) of the classroom receive a positive test result, we may switch to virtual learning temporarily. We will keep you informed should additional information become available.

As a reminder, if your child has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or they have been exposed and are awaiting test results, please do not allow them to attend school. Remember, a person does not always display symptoms before testing positive for COVID-19. Please help limit the spread of COVID-19 by checking your child [each morning for symptoms](#).

Public Health has also provided these reminders:

- Wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while in public places
- Limit social gatherings and practice social distancing (stay 6 feet apart)
- Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you are sick
- [Get tested](#) if needed and consider getting vaccinated if age eligible
- Learn more at maskupmuskegon.org or call 2-1-1 or 231-733-1155.

If you have any questions, please call me at 231-720-2560. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call Public Health-Muskegon County at 231-724-1203 or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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