

January 13, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Today, January 13, 2022 we learned that a person in your child's classroom at Glenside Early Childhood Center tested positive for COVID-19. This person last attended class on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. This case will now be noted on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

In an effort to keep children in school rather than shutting the class down for the quarantine period we are implementing a "test to stay" protocol. **Upon arrival at school on Tuesday, January 18** (day 6 since exposure) children will be given a COVID-19 rapid test (with parental permission) to continue attending. A consent will be signed by a parent or guardian prior to the test. This consent form will be viewable on class DoJo soon. **Should you choose for your child to attend class you will be asked to self transport on Tuesday.** Upon arrival you will sign a consent form and a test will be administered. You may choose to remain in your vehicle while awaiting the results (please allow 30 minutes) or you will be asked to be available via phone should your child test positive. If a child tests positive, they will not be permitted to attend class.

It is also your choice to decline testing and keep your child home. If you choose to have your child remain at home during this time, the absence will be considered "excused." The quarantine period without testing is 10 days. **This means your child can return on Monday, January 24th.**

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 of the classroom receive a positive test result, we will be looking at a temporary switch to virtual learning. 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.