

January 14, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Today, January 14, 2022 we learned that a person in your child's class at Marquette Elementary tested positive for COVID-19. The person was last in class on January 13.

Due to limited staffing and testing protocols, class WILL NOT meet on Tuesday, January 18. According to new CDC and MDHHS guidelines there are several quarantine/return to school options for your child:

- **Home quarantine for 5 days, and return to school on day 6 with a negative test and masking. For your convenience we will be offering COVID rapid testing at Glenside Early Childhood Center (1213 W. Hackley) between 10am and 11am on Tuesday, January 18 (day 5). Please go to gym door #8 when you arrive and we will assist you. If you prefer, you are able to seek testing elsewhere and provide proof of a negative test for your child to return. Testing would need to be administered on Tuesday, January 18. With a negative test, your child will be able to return on Wednesday, January 19.**
- **Home quarantine for days 0-10 if unable/unwilling to test and mask. Under this option your child may return to school Monday, January 24.**

Our staff and students have been following our safety protocols, including the wearing of masks. Since school began, we have increased our efforts to clean and disinfect equipment, light switches, door knobs/handles, and bathrooms, in addition to our regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule.

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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