

February 13, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Today, February 13, 2022 we learned that a person in your child's classroom at Ross Park Head Start tested positive for COVID-19 on February 12, 2022. This person last attended class on Thursday, February 10. This case will now be noted on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

**Following CDC and MDHHS guidelines for this case, there are several quarantine/return to school options for your child:**

- **Home quarantine for 5 days since exposure and return to school on day 6 (Wednesday, February 16) with a negative test and masking. We are coordinating with the district and intend to offer COVID rapid testing at Ross Park on Wednesday.** More information will be coming on this. 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 or Wednesday and include the child's name and test date . **With a negative test, your child will be able to return/remain in school on Wednesday, February 16.**
- **Home quarantine for days 0-10 if unable/unwilling to test and mask. Under this option your child may return to school Tuesday, February 22.** If you choose to have your child remain at home during this time, the absence will be considered "excused."

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](http://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](http://Michigan.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

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