

December 2, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Late last evening, December 1, 2021, we were informed that a person in your child's Head Start classroom tested positive for COVID-19. This person last attended class on Monday, November 29. This case will now be noted on our [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

We have not identified close contacts of this person. Due to this and our masking and other precautionary mitigation procedures, this classroom is remaining open at present time. However, your child and others may have been exposed, and we understand it is your choice whether your child attends or not. If you choose to have your child remain at home, the absence will be considered "excused." **As a further classroom precaution during the upcoming days, staff will be conducting multiple daily temperature checks of each child attending class.** If we notice spikes in children's temperatures in coming days, we will re-evaluate the status of classroom operations.

We ask that each family monitor your child for symptoms very closely. As a reminder, COVID-19 symptoms include a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees, sore throat, a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty in breathing, new onset of diarrhea, headaches, vomiting, unusual belly pain, or new loss of taste/smell. Please contact your medical provider if your child displays these symptom(s), keep your child at home, and report the absence to us.

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 231-865-4016 or email at jbotbyl@muskegonisd.org. 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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