



October 22, 2020

Dear Wass Parents,

We have been informed that one of our students has tested positive for COVID-19. This student was last in school on Monday, October 19, and stayed home after developing symptoms the next day. The student's parents received notice of the positive test result today.

We immediately notified the Oakland County Health Division and they have begun their investigation to determine if anyone else in the classroom may need to self-quarantine for fourteen days. We have submitted our seating charts for both the classroom and the cafeteria and our preliminary investigation has identified only one student and one staff member who were within six feet of this student for fifteen minutes or more.

Parents of students who were attending in-person in that class have received a separate email informing them of this situation and the single student who was potentially identified as a close contact received a personal phone call. Due to the safety protocols we have in place, we do not believe any other students were directly exposed, per OCHD guidelines.

This evening, our operations staff will begin the process of deep cleaning any classrooms, cafeteria or other areas this student was in contact with on Monday. As a precautionary measure, tonight they will also be "fogging" the entire building with a disinfectant that we use manually within the schools as a sanitizing agent.

One important takeaway from this experience is that the safety protocols we have in place are important and may have prevented any spread to other students and staff. Consistently wearing masks, physically distancing as far apart as possible and using good hygiene are critical to keep others safe. Most importantly in this case, the daily health screening may have prompted the parents to be aware that the student had a fever, so we will continue to make daily calls to all families reminding them to that the health assessment is mandatory.

The other critical thing we can all do is to keep students home if they feel sick. The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority and we are working closely with the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) to ensure the well-being of all. If you have any questions or want to learn more about local resources and what prevention measures you can take, please visit the OCHD COVID-19 website: <https://www.oakgov.com/covid/Pages/default.aspx>.

I know you will join me in sending our best wishes for a quick recovery to the student involved and I also ask that you also work alongside me to respect the privacy of his/her family. Per the Health Division recommendations, the student will not return to school until he/she has been

symptom and fever-free for at least 24 hours after a ten-day isolation period is over.

Thank you for your continued support,

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