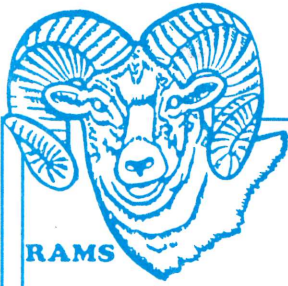


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February 23, 2021

Rather Families,

We are committed to following our preparedness protocols and keeping you informed. We planned for times when staff and/or students might test positive for COVID-19 or be exposed to it.

On Tuesday, February 23, we were informed that a Rather student tested positive for COVID-19. Thus, some students may have been in “close contact” with this individual. We have spoken with everyone who was in close contact and their families.

In addition to informing staff and students who are considered “close contacts” by the CDC guidelines, we feel that it is important to notify all of our families in an abundance of caution. *Close contact* is defined as being within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. It is important to note that after speaking with a parent of the individual, we have no reason to believe that the student did contract the virus while on school grounds. Additionally, this individual did not ride district transportation.

If you are required to quarantine because of an exposure, you will also be contacted by the Ionia County Health Department (ICHD). If your child does not qualify as a close contact, you will not hear from the ICHD. At this time, it is our role to tell all Rather families that we are moving forward with ICHD guidance and that all measures have been taken to protect the well-being of your child(ren). Please continue to monitor for the onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, or new fatigue. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your regular medical provider.

We will continue to work with the ICHD to ensure that we are doing everything we can to safely offer in-person instruction. All students and staff will continue to wear a face covering and practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible while on campus and while riding district provided transportation. All measures have been taken to protect the well-being of your child(ren). If we learn at any time that there is a large scale spread of COVID-19 in our school community, we will scale back our in-person offerings.

Sincerely,

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