



**ROCHESTER**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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Rochester Community Schools

March 19, 2021

Dear RCS Families,

Whether your child is attending school in person or online through the RCS Virtual Campus, we are pleased to be able to provide our students with joyful learning experiences.

As a reminder, there will be **no school for all students on Monday, March 22, 2021**. This proactive measure provides an extra day for potential vaccination side effects to subside for more than 300 staff members who are receiving their second vaccination on Saturday and Sunday. This includes teachers, para-educators, long-term substitutes, secretaries, bus drivers, food service workers, technology professionals, maintenance staff, administrators, SAC caregivers, and more. After this weekend, approximately 90 percent of RCS staff will have been vaccinated.

In a partnership with the Center for Trauma Resilient Communities, staff professional development will be available on Monday to promote social-emotional learning. We remain dedicated in our efforts to create a trauma-resilient culture that promotes health, self-care, and wellness within our school community.

Also on March 22, Rochester Community Schools will serve as a host site for an optional COVID-19 testing pilot program, offered as a community courtesy through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), in partnership with the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD). Diagnostic testing is provided by Honu Management Group through an MDHHS contract. **The optional drive-up testing will take place from 12 – 6 p.m. at Rochester High School, 1361 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills.** Attached are additional details for advanced registration.

During the initial COVID-19 testing pilot program that took place on Wednesday, March 10, a total of 294 rapid antigen tests and 10 confirmatory PCR tests were performed. Approximately 57 percent of the registrants listed a birthdate that would qualify as being a school-age child. No asymptomatic participants in quarantine tested positive for COVID-19 during this testing.

As a reminder, the OCHD makes the final decision about how long quarantine should last for our community. The OCHD states that quarantine can end after day 10 if no symptoms or clinical evidence of COVID-19 develop. At this time, OCHD guidelines do not support the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation to stop quarantine after day seven when receiving a negative test result if the test occurred on day five or later.

Individuals cannot test out of quarantine; however, quarantine is not required for individuals who have had COVID-19 within the past three months.

We continue to provide a weekly report of the number of positive COVID-19 cases within our district, along with the number of students and staff who are quarantined. Individual school communities will be notified of building-specific cases as they occur and individuals who may be close contacts will receive instructions.

The following COVID-19 information is from March 18, 2021, at 12 p.m. It is reflective of a single point in time and includes in-person cases reported through the OCHD. Having cases present in school buildings does not indicate that the person's exposure occurred at school.

<b>In-person COVID-19 Reporting – March 18, 2021, at 12 p.m.</b>				
<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES</b>	<b>PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION</b>	<b>QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)</b>	<b>PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STUDENT POPULATION</b>
Grades 0 – 5	44	0.80%	176	3.21%
Grades 6 – 8	28	0.97%	409	14.19%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	32	0.75%	292	6.88%
<b>STAFF</b>				
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>POSITIVE AND SYMPTOMATIC CASES</b>	<b>PERCENT OF ACTIVE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION</b>	<b>QUARANTINE (FOR THOSE EXPOSED)</b>	<b>PERCENT OF QUARANTINE CASES PER STAFF POPULATION</b>
Grades 0 – 5	3	0.43%	10	1.45%
Grades 6 – 8	1	0.41%	1	0.41%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	4	0.80%	4	0.80%
Other*	4	0.91%	1	0.22%

\*Other includes: administration, transportation, food services, custodial, and facility operations center.

We will also continue to follow the MDHHS epidemic order to report school-associated COVID-19 cases (as defined by the MDHHS) within 24 hours after being notified by the OCHD. This information is located on our [website](#).

We appreciate our community's support in helping to keep our school buildings open. Our public health experts continue to reinforce the message to wear a mask, distance yourself from others outside your household as much as possible, wash your hands, and stay home when sick.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Debi Fragomeni

Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

[March 22 COVID-19 testing FLYER with MAP of RHS.pdf](#)