

November 20, 2020

TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED.

As educators and parents, we understand the importance of trust to our home-to-school partnership. Our promise is to keep our school community apprised of any COVID 19-related school situation that does not require a school closure via this COVID COMMUNICATOR advisory tool. Please be assured that the district will follow the CDC/Health Department process for addressing Covid-related situations.

UPDATE.

The word "outbreak" has a scary connotation, but as used by local and state health departments and the CDC, an outbreak is two or more positive cases that are directly linked. As we completed this week, the district was notified of three new positive cases and 34 new quarantined individuals. Over the extended Thanksgiving break, let's all continue to make good decisions with regard to preventive measures so we can keep school open!

For more updated regional information see:

[Lakewood COVID Q & A Link](#)

[Barry-Eaton District Health Department](#)

"Weekly Data Reports" at the bottom of the page

[Ionia County Health Department](#)

"Ionia County Case Demographics"

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to put all of us to the test. With cases, hospitalizations and deaths rising at a concerning rate, we are not out of the woods. However, Michiganders have grit and ways we can protect ourselves and our communities. This includes masks or face coverings, physical distancing and now, [MI COVID Alert](#). This anonymous, simple and no cost mobile app lets users know whether they may have recently been exposed to COVID-19. Users can confidentially submit a positive test result into the app and anonymously alert others in recent proximity that they may have been exposed to the virus. It is one more simple way we can slow the spread of the virus and get back to the things we enjoy most. Join us in [downloading MI COVID Alert](#) as we continue to fight COVID-19 together.
- As we look forward to Thanksgiving break next week, it has become clear to me that by closing school and not engaging in in-person or remote instruction on Monday and Tuesday next week as well, we have an opportunity to positively impact the physical and emotional health our school community moving forward. With a nine-calendar day (November 21-29) break, we can contribute to reducing the number of cases by allowing anyone who we are currently not aware is positive or their close contacts to isolate and quarantine at home thereby protecting in-person instruction for several weeks afterward.

