

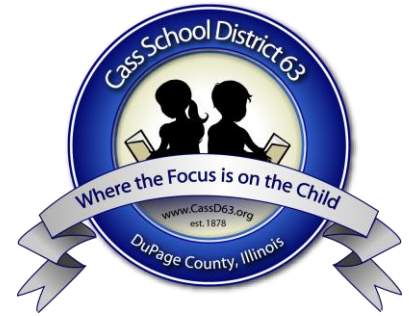
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Superintendent of Schools



COVID-19 Low-Risk Exposure Notification

October 5, 2020

Dear Cass School District 63 Parents and Families,

Cass School District 63 was notified late last evening that an individual who was on a school bus and on campus at Concord Elementary School last week has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual never exhibited symptoms in the school setting but began experiencing symptoms this past Friday outside of school and was subsequently tested over the weekend. This was quickly and appropriately communicated to school district staff.

School district administrators immediately began investigating and collecting facts regarding the case, determining any "close contacts" per Illinois Department of Public Health guidance and contacting the DuPage County Health Department. As a result of that investigation and our work with the health department, it was determined that there were no close contacts at school, but there were potential close contacts on the school bus in this particular instance.

As a result, we are taking no chances and the parents of those children have been notified and the children are not in attendance at school. We will be communicating with those parents additionally regarding specific details for quarantining, timelines, procedures and any necessary reporting. This particular case is classified as a low-risk exposure for all individuals who have not already been identified and contacted.

Please also review the [Low-Risk Notification](#) from the DuPage County Health Department, which includes more information. In addition to this information, the school district will of course continue to communicate with our parents and school community as needed.

This is an excellent reminder to closely monitor your family for symptoms and report any concerns immediately to school district staff so that we can take the necessary precautions as we did in this case. In addition to the daily self-certification, please also review the Illinois Department of Public Health [COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance](#). Cass School District 63 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) when a student or staff member tests positive, including any necessary contact tracing.

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We will continue to communicate with the DuPage County Health Department, enact our cleaning and sanitizing procedures and review the circumstances of each case to determine if we need to make any changes with our procedures and/or communications.

Last but not least, the efforts with social distancing as much as possible in the school setting and wearing of masks among students and staff has been outstanding. This, along with washing hands and our parents communicating honestly with us, will help make this successful, whether there is an active case or not. We will continue to do whatever we can here to keep your children safe.

I will continue to keep you updated and your questions and concerns are welcome. As always, thank you for your support of our students, staff and schools.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Cross

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