

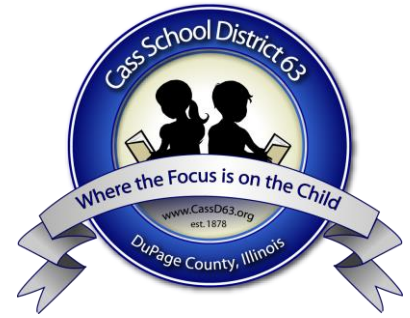
# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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Superintendent of Schools



## COVID-19 Low-Risk Exposure Notification

November 10, 2020

Dear Concord Elementary School Parents and Families,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware that Cass School District 63 was notified that an individual at Concord Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual has not been in school since Monday, November 2. The individual never exhibited symptoms in the school setting but began experiencing symptoms on Tuesday, November 3 outside of school. The school district was immediately notified, the individual self-quarantined and was subsequently tested.

Prior to the positive diagnosis, school district administrators had already commenced determining if there were any potential "close contacts" in the school setting per our standard procedures as well as Illinois Department of Public Health guidance. As a result of that investigation, it was determined that there was one close contact in the school setting. All of the necessary individual contacts have been made and the necessary information provided. The two individuals are following the isolation and quarantine protocols per Illinois Department of Public Health guidance as well as our communication with the DuPage County Health Department.

This particular case is classified as a low-risk exposure, so please review the [Low-Risk Notification](#) from the DuPage County Health Department. The school district followed all necessary procedures and will continue to monitor the situation as we do with any cases or close contacts in the school setting. In addition to this information, the school district will continue to communicate with our parents and school community regarding this case in the event it is necessary to do so.

With the COVID-19 data in our community and area currently at a more elevated level, this is an excellent reminder to follow the health and safety guidelines as a family and to continue to closely monitor everyone in your household for symptoms. Please continue to report any concerns immediately to school district staff so that we can take the necessary precautions, just as we did in this case. In the event it is necessary, we continue to ask that you voluntarily quarantine your children and keep them at home if there is any doubt. We want your children at school when they are healthy, but we are providing robust remote instruction for when they need to be at home. Please take advantage of this so that we can continue to maintain in-person instruction.

### Concord Elementary School

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In addition to the daily self-certification that is provided to all parents via email, 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 when a student or staff member tests positive. We will also continue to communicate with the DuPage County Health Department, enact our sanitizing procedures and review the circumstances of each case to determine if we need to make any changes with our procedures and/or communications.

Despite situations such as this that may arise, by every metric Cass School District 63 continues to maintain an unusually high degree of success with our [School Reimagined Return to Learn Framework](#). This is only our second case at school and we have only had six identified close contacts that has manifested itself in the school setting. This is absolutely due to the proactive communication from our parents and staff, a blended framework that limits potential close contacts at school, the wearing of masks, the proper washing of hands and the never ending focus on keeping our staff and students healthy and safe at all times.

Having said that, we can never let our guard down. We will not compromise and we will continue to do whatever we can here to keep your children safe. Please continue to work with us and do the same thing at home.

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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Superintendent

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