

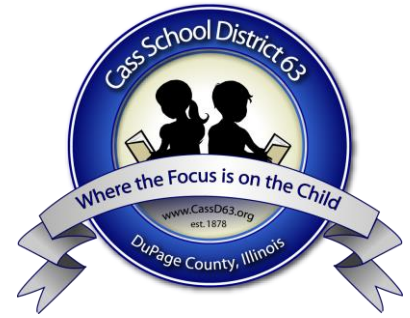
# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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*Mark R. Cross*

Superintendent of Schools



## COVID-19 Low-Risk Exposure Notification

April 14, 2021

Dear Cass School District 63 Parents and Families,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware that Cass School District 63 has been notified that two individuals in the school district have tested positive for COVID-19. One at Concord Elementary School and one at Cass Junior High School, both on Monday, April 12. Neither exhibited any symptoms while in the school setting.

After the positive test results were received earlier today, the school district was notified and school district administrators immediately began identifying any close contacts. As a result of that investigation, it was determined that there were three close contacts at Concord and 21 at Cass Junior High School.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, a "close contact" is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19, for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day. The period of close contact begins two calendar days before the onset of symptoms (for a symptomatic person) or two calendar days before the positive sample was obtained (for an asymptomatic person).

This case is classified as a [low-risk exposure](#) for all individuals who have not already been identified and contacted. 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.

**I cannot emphasize enough the importance of keeping your children at home in the event there are any symptoms in your household, or if you think there was any recent risk of close contacts.** Most all of the positive cases we have dealt with this school year (now 9 situations and 11 total cases present in the school setting) have manifested themselves at home.

### Concord Elementary School

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### Cass Junior High School

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*Mrs. Christine Marcinkewicz*

School Principal & District Director of Technology

**We have still not had a single known case of COVID-19 that was spread or contracted in the school setting in Cass School District 63.** In addition to keeping children at home when there are symptoms in the household or potential close contacts, we ask that parents consider avoiding sleepovers and playing inside other people's homes with friends, while continuing to wear masks and wash hands. This will help us avoid not only the spread of COVID-19 in the community, but will also help keep our students in school by not having to isolate or quarantine at home. We will remain vigilant and continue to do whatever we can here to keep your children safe and we ask that you continue to do your part at home.

Cass School District 63 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the [COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance](#) when a nonvaccinated person tests positive. Additional information on our cases, close contacts, procedures and Return to Learn Framework is available at [www.cassd63.org](http://www.cassd63.org). Please reach out with any questions or concerns and thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Mark R. Cross*

Mark R. Cross, Superintendent

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