



Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools

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Dear MCES Families,

Today, MCES administration became aware that a member of our school community, who was at the St. John Campus last week, tested positive for COVID-19. We immediately contacted the Monroe County Health Department. As always, please continue to monitor your child(ren) daily for symptoms. **This letter is informational only; no further action is required for your student at this time. Please know that we have already informed the parents whose children were present in the classroom of their quarantine requirements.**

We continue to follow the direction of the Health Department when working to mitigate transmission and will act in accordance with their guidance when requesting members of our community quarantine. As you know, we have implemented many health and safety protocols designed to minimize the risk of transmission in our school. We encourage you to review the [COVID-19 Handbook](#) which outlines all the health and safety measures we are taking to keep your students and our entire community safe.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are less than 6 feet from each other for at least 15 minutes. A person who is a close contact of someone who is infected with COVID-19 may experience COVID-19 symptoms typically within 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed. At this time the community member has been notified to self-quarantine based on guidance from the Wayne County Health Department.

The symptoms of Covid-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include: Fever (>100.4° F), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities “COVID-19 free” and protect ourselves and loved ones:

- Children and adults should stay home when ill.
- Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes must contain at least 60% alcohol. Dispose of wipes in the trash after use.
- Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hands).
- Wear a mask and practice social distancing

For additional information regarding COVID-19, please visit the WCHD website at:
https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/index.php

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

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