

April 28, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are sending this letter to notify you that a **staff member** at Oakland Academy has been in close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member was last in attendance on **4/28** and received notification on **4/28**. All persons considered close contacts have been or will be very shortly, notified by the school office and will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure. At this time students in this staff member's classroom have been asked to quarantine per health department guidance. This quarantine period will end on **5/9** and they may return to school on **5/10/21**, assuming they have shown no symptoms during the quarantine period. During this period of quarantine we will provide remote instruction to students in the affected classroom. Please be advised a negative COVID test will not shorten the quarantine period. **Siblings who also attend Oakland **do not** necessarily need to quarantine unless they have had direct, close contact with the positive case or if they or someone in your household is symptomatic or awaiting test results.*

It is crucial that if someone in your household is exhibiting symptoms, awaiting test results or have had direct contact with someone who tested positive, that you keep your child home and contact us immediately. Please partner with us in limiting the spread so we can continue to offer in person instruction.

Both buildings as well as the CDC have been professionally cleaned by ServePro. We are working closely with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department (KCHCSD) and will continue to follow their guidance.

Background on COVID-19: COVID-19 is a contagious viral illness that can occur 2-14 days after exposure to an individual with the virus. Exposure, also known as close contact, includes being within six feet of an infected person for 15 minutes or longer. The virus is spread by droplets in the air, and sometimes on surfaces, that come inside a person's mouth, nose or eyes. Based on available evidence, the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. However, children generally show no symptoms or mild symptoms. Reported symptoms include cold-like symptoms, such as fever, sore throat, muscle pain, chills, new loss of taste or smell, feeling out of breath and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported.

If your child does develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19, they should be kept home and the parent or guardian should contact their child's Primary Care Physician, Oakland Academy and the KCHCSD.

If you have any questions about COVID-19 please contact your family's physician or the KCHCSD at 269-373-5044. If you have questions about the school response or protocols please reach out to Mrs. Boris at 269-324-8951 or by email at sboris@fbrcs.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shawn Boris
Principal, Oakland Academy