

Kingsley Area Schools

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Dear School Community,

As noted on our COVID-19 Dashboard

https://www.kingsley.k12.mi.us/budgettransparency/ on 9/9/2021 we learned about at least 1 School Associated Case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at Kingsley High School. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location(s) has been completed.

We are working closely with the Grand Traverse Health Department to identify Close Contacts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Anyone else identified as a Close Contact will be notified by the health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. Please answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if staff members or students are not experiencing symptoms:

- Wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people who do not live with you must visit your home.
- Practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).
- **Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol).
- **Follow** <u>capacity restrictions</u> of social gatherings.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick; you can also get tested.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will

continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

If you have any questions, contact the Grand Traverse County Health Department at 231-995-6111. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely, Keith Smith Superintendent