



COVID-19 DASHBOARD

To protect the health of our School Community and per the Emergency Order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services [Reporting of Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 at Schools](#) on December 21, 2020, Kalkaska Public Schools will use this webpage to provide Public Notice to our School Community regarding School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Individuals identified as Close Contacts of School Associated Cases will be notified separately and directly by the Kalkaska County Health Department.

Updated: December 21, 2020 10:30 a.m.

STATUS OF INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED FUNCTIONS

- **Instruction:** Virtual teaching and learning and in-person learning
- **School-Sponsored Functions:** Continuing with precautions and guidance from MHSAA and Health Department

SCHOOL ASSOCIATED COVID-19 CASES

On *Wednesday, November 11, 2020*, the Kalkaska County Health Department made us aware of the following case counts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19 amongst the Kalkaska Public Schools school community. This data may include probable and confirmed cases as reported by Kalkaska County Health Department among students, staff, administration, coaches, or visitors, if the person with COVID-19 was in the building or participating in a school-sponsored function during their infectious period.

New Cases (Since Last Update)	1
Cumulative Cases (Since Reporting Began)	22
Populations Affected	<i>Staff and students</i>

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas, as needed, with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

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) when around people with whom you do not live.
- **Practice social distancing** (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).
- **Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol).
- **Follow [capacity restrictions](#)** 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](#).
- **Answer the phone if the health department contacts you**, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

This information does not mean you should quarantine or isolate. Those members of the School Community who were or are suspected to have been in Close Contact with a School Associated Case will be notified by Kalkaska County Health Department.

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 Kalkaska County Health Department at (231) 314-8626. 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](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).