



Kalkaska Public Schools

Terry J. Starr, Superintendent

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Dear Kalkaska Public Schools Community,

As noted on our COVID-19 Dashboard; <https://www.kpschools.com/vnews/display.v/ART/582cb097accd8>, on *Sunday, October 25th, 2020*, we learned about two School Associated Cases of COVID-19 in a student or staff persons at Cherry Street and Kalkaska Middle School. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location(s) has begun and will soon be completed.

Due to consultation with medical officials at the Kalkaska County Health Department Kalkaska Public Schools are closed for today, Monday, October 26th, 2020. We are working closely with the Kalkaska County Health Department to identify Close Contacts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Anyone 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 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](#).

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 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.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Starr, Superintendent