



River Valley School District

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January 4, 2021,

Dear Staff/Parents/Guardians,

In our continued commitment to keep you timely informed about important events, we are writing to inform you that the district has been notified that a River Valley Middle/High School student has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.

The District will continue to work with the Health Department in the future to help identify any other staff or students who test positive for Covid-19, require quarantine or classified as probable cases. Those individuals are notified separately, and protective measures, as directed by the Health Department and the individuals' health care provider, are implemented which may include a required quarantine period due to the exposure. Health officials will likely interview and provide assistance directly to individuals with an elevated risk of exposure who may have been in recent close contact with the affected person. The District will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize all classrooms within the district on a daily basis.

We continue to employ best practices to minimize risks of the Coronavirus to our employees and students, guided by the advice of federal, state, and local public health agencies. Protective measures that may be implemented in situations like this depend on a variety of factors and could include testing, self-isolation or self-monitoring and/or reporting of any symptoms. Some individuals who are exposed may be tested, some may not. The decision to be tested is a decision made with your health care provider and the Berrien County Health Department

Please continue to monitor yourself or your child for symptoms of COVID-19, which include the symptoms identified on the CDC website located here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. If you or your child feel symptomatic, contact your health care provider as well as contact Human Resources or the Building Principal.

Please also continue practice the health and safety precautions recommended by the Berrien County Health Department and the CDC:

- Avoid close contact with people, especially those who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing, and before eating. (If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.)
- Stay home if you are sick.

We will continue to keep you updated and share the latest guidance and information with you once available. If you have concerns or questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

Scott Bojanich
Superintendent