



# River Valley School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Last week, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an Emergency Order requiring school districts to share information about the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases related to each of our school buildings, the number of probable COVID-19 cases, as well as a cumulative total for each. To meet this requirement, our district is working collaboratively with the Berrien County Health Department to develop a countywide COVID-19 Dashboard that will be accessible by visiting our district homepage, [www.rivervalleyschools.org](http://www.rivervalleyschools.org).

### **How does school-related COVID-19 information get posted on the Dashboard?**

School-related COVID-19 data is collected by the Health Department. Within 24-hours of schools being informed of a positive or probable case, the Health Department will then update the Dashboard. Parents/guardians and staff members will still receive district communication from school administrators as cases arise. The Dashboard simply provides an additional means for school districts to provide families with information. In fact, you most likely will receive communication from River Valley before data is reflected on the Dashboard. It is also important to remember, school-related cases do not reflect negligence or poor health and safety standards. COVID-19 is a communicable disease and can be transmitted on and off school grounds.

Please continue to follow all COVID-19 health and safety recommendations from the Berrien County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Cleaning your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Putting distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean your hands after throwing away the tissue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched objects and surfaces daily.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's building principal. Thank you again for all that you are doing to support the health and well-being of everyone in our school community.

Sincerely,

Scott Bojanich  
Superintendent