COVID-19 General Exposure Notification

September 19, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Tawas Area Schools considers the health and well-being of our students and staff a priority. With that in mind, we are sending this letter for your awareness. We have been alerted that individual students within Tawas Area Middle <u>and</u> High School in 7th and 9th grades have been diagnosed with COVID-19. We are following CDC recommendations to ensure that the person diagnosed with COVID-19 follows instructions for isolation and remains away from others until they can safely return to the school setting.

Your child will not need to quarantine. If your child was in close exposure, we recommend they wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days and it is recommended they get a COVID-19 test in 3-5 days. We do also recommend that you continue to monitor your child each day for symptoms. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, please:

- Contact your healthcare provider or go to www.mi.gov/coronavirustest to find the closest location to be tested.
- Follow testing and isolation recommendations.
- Notify the school immediately and notify the school if they test positive for COVID-19.

We are committed to facilitating an optimal learning experience and ensuring the safety of our students and staff. COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible students as well as teachers, staff, and household members are the leading public health strategy to help end the pandemic and support schools to continue full operations. Please visit CDC's COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens page for more information on how to get your child vaccinated as soon as they are eligible.

We are happy to welcome your student back to in-person learning at the end of the isolation period. In the meantime, your teacher(s) will reach out to you with additional information on how your student can continue learning and instruction during the isolation period.

We will continue to provide regular updates as needed and will provide prompt notification of any COVID-19 or other health-related concerns that require your attention. We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at (989) 984-2100.

Please be assured that we are committed to facilitating an optimal learning experience for our students and are here to support you during this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sarah Danek

Tawas Area Middle/High School, Principal

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