

Marcellus Community Schools

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Dear Marcellus parents, staff and community members:

As we all continue to fight the spread of COVID-19, Marcellus Community Schools believes that one of our greatest responsibilities is to communicate transparently with our school community. It is my hope that accurate and up-to-date correspondence will help you make well-informed decisions for your family. Nothing is more important than the safety and health of our students, our employees and their families. When we work together, we can provide the best care for all involved.

Late this afternoon, the district learned that a middle/high school student's family member tested positive for COVID-19. The student was a close contact to the confirmed case. The student has not been in school for the last two days and will undergo testing COVID- testing tomorrow. In addition, the student is isolating (quarantined) at home.

Marcellus Community Schools will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside all district schools, including [School with possible exposure]. As more cases are being confirmed across the state, it is important to remain vigilant. The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of this global pandemic:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home, if possible.
- If you must go out, practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath among other symptoms of illness or some have no symptoms. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, you are encouraged to contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Do not come to work or school until you are fever free for 3 days and it has been 10 days since you started feeling ill. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

If you would like to learn more about COVID-19, the following links are reliable and accurate sources for information:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

<https://vbcassdhd.org/>

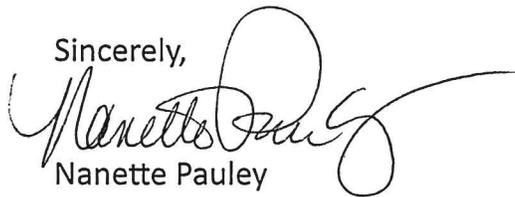
[CDC COVID-19 Information](#)

[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nanette Pauley", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Nanette Pauley
Superintendent