



School District of the City of Iron Mountain

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Dear Iron Mountain Schools Parents, Guardians, Staff and Community,

With the health and well-being of our students, staff, and community at the forefront of our decisions, I am writing to inform you that Friday, October 16, 2020 we received notification from Dickinson-Iron District Health Department that several people associated with our {5th through 12th grade building} has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the people involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

We are currently working directly with county health officials to address this situation and are working as quickly as possible. If your child is considered a close contact, you will be notified by the health department. We have provided all necessary information to assist them in this process. If you are not contacted by the health department it means your child is not considered a close contact. A "close contact" is someone who was within 6 feet of the individual for at least 15 cumulative minutes.

Iron Mountain Public Schools is working hard to continue to clean and disinfect all of our buildings as best as possible to protect the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. Iron Mountain Public Schools will continue to closely follow our COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as well as recommendations from our local health department and the CDC for preventing the transmission of COVID-19. As more cases are being confirmed across the region, it is important to remain vigilant. The CDC recommends the following best practices individuals can use 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 least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people

Please continue to take necessary precautions to protect yourself and those around you. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the actions of adults. I encourage everyone to be a good role model for our children.

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

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our office. Thank you for your support of the Iron Mountain Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Jerry Sardina
Superintendent