



COVID-19 Case Notification

October 13, 2020

Dear District 28 Families:

I am writing to notify you that we were informed this afternoon, Tuesday, October 13, that an individual at Northbrook Jr. High tested positive for COVID-19. There are no close contacts associated with this case. In the interest of transparency, I am sending this letter to all District 28 families.

We have worked with the Cook County Department of Public Health on this matter and have taken the following steps:

- identifying and notifying close contacts (i.e. individuals who were within six feet of the positive case for 15 minutes or longer within a 24-hour period, starting with the 48-hour period before the person developed symptoms);
- quarantining close contacts for 14 days;
- continuing deep cleaning and sanitizing of the school with additional attention spent on areas of potential exposure to the positive case.

As a reminder, we will continue our safety practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID-19 exposure, including:

- daily self-certification for staff and students;
- separating and sending home individuals who exhibit COVID-19-like symptoms while at school;
- requiring face coverings and social distancing;
- sanitizing high-touch surfaces (e.g. door handles, hand rails, sink faucets, etc.)
- monitoring evolving guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and other entities and updating our practices accordingly.

If there were close contacts to this case, they would have already been notified so there is no need to quarantine or take any further action, other than monitor yourself for the following symptoms: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or

body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, congestion, or diarrhea. Symptomatic individuals must inform the school office, as well as contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. **As a reminder, federal and state privacy laws prohibit us from sharing more detailed information about any individual case.**

The well-being of our school community will always be our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Hewitt, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools