



COVID-19 Case Notification

November 19, 2020

Dear District 28 Families:

I am writing to notify you that I was informed today, Thursday, November 19, that four individuals, one at Westmoor School, one at Meadowbrook, and two at NBJH, tested positive for COVID-19. Our school nurses work with the Cook County Department of Public Health to trace any possible close contacts. In the interest of transparency, I am sending this letter to all District 28 families.

We have informed the Cook County Department of Public Health of 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, handrails, sink faucets, etc.)
- monitoring evolving guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and other entities and updating our practices accordingly.

Early detection of possible COVID-like symptoms is critical, so please continue to monitor your family members 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, congestion, nausea or vomiting, 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