

October 12, 2020
School Associated COVID Cases

New Cases	1
Cumulative Cases	1
Populations Affected	Student

Hello Blue Devils families and staff.

Late Sunday evening, we were made aware of a positive COVID-19 case in Sault High School. We have taken action by immediately reporting this information to the Chippewa County Health Department. The health department officially confirmed the case to the district this morning. We are working closely with the health department to determine if any additional students or staff need to go into quarantine or isolation.

PLEASE NOTE: Based on communications with the health department, we will not close the high school or the district at this time.

In accordance with HIPAA and FERPA laws, health information is private and we will not be providing specifics about the case. However, please remember we will always keep the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of our decision making.

The Chippewa County Health Department is investigating to determine who is considered a “close contact” of the person who tested positive for COVID-19. A “close contact” is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of the positive person for at least 15 minutes. Close contacts will be contacted directly by the Chippewa County Health Department and will receive instructions on what to do next, which may include assisting with the contact tracing efforts, quarantining or isolating, and/or contacting their primary care physician.

If your student is deemed a close contact of a person positive for COVID-19 while at school or socially, you will be contacted by the health department as part of their investigation. **We ask that all students and staff fully cooperate with CCHD so that the school can take appropriate action based on this specific situation and prevent further spread of the disease in our school and community.** Failure to provide accurate information in a timely manner to the health department may put the health and safety of others at risk.

Please note that some staff or students may also be asked to stay home as an additional safety precaution while we further investigate and confirm who was in close contact. If they are not deemed a close contact by CCHD, they will be allowed to resume regular activities.

If you are contacted by the Chippewa County Health Department and placed under quarantine or isolation for a COVID-19 infection, please let the district know and present the letter that was given to you by the health department. Again, we urge all students and staff to fully cooperate with CCHD should they reach out to you.

We thank you in advance for your care, understanding, and cooperation.

Thank you for helping keep our schools and community safe!

Dr. Tim Hall
Superintendent of Schools