

Richmond Community Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

THE MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MCHD) HAS IDENTIFIED A STUDENT/STAFF PERSON AT RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL AND RICHMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THREE (3) STUDENT/STAFF PERSON AT WILL L. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO ARE CONFIRMED OR PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19. The MCHD and Richmond Community Schools are working closely to identify persons who may have been exposed. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will receive a telephone call from building administration and a separate communication from a health department staff member.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). Illness begins 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed. The symptoms of COVID-19 can include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, and abdominal pain.

It is extremely important that parents/guardians monitor their children closely and complete at-home screening each day, including a temperature check, prior to sending their child to school. Please notify the school if your child is exhibiting any symptoms and keep them home until you can see your healthcare provider.

Since the start of in-person learning, **three hundred eight (308) students and/or staff persons have been impacted by confirmed positive cases** of COVID-19 and **twenty-five (25) students and/or staff persons have been identified as probable or confirmed** COVID-19 cases. If you have questions, feel free to contact us here at school or visit the District's website, www.richmond.k12.mi.us, for more information. Additionally, you may contact the Macomb County Health Department Communicable Disease Program at (586) 783-8190 or visit their website, <https://hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-Home>.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.
Superintendent

Guaranteed Learning for All Students!