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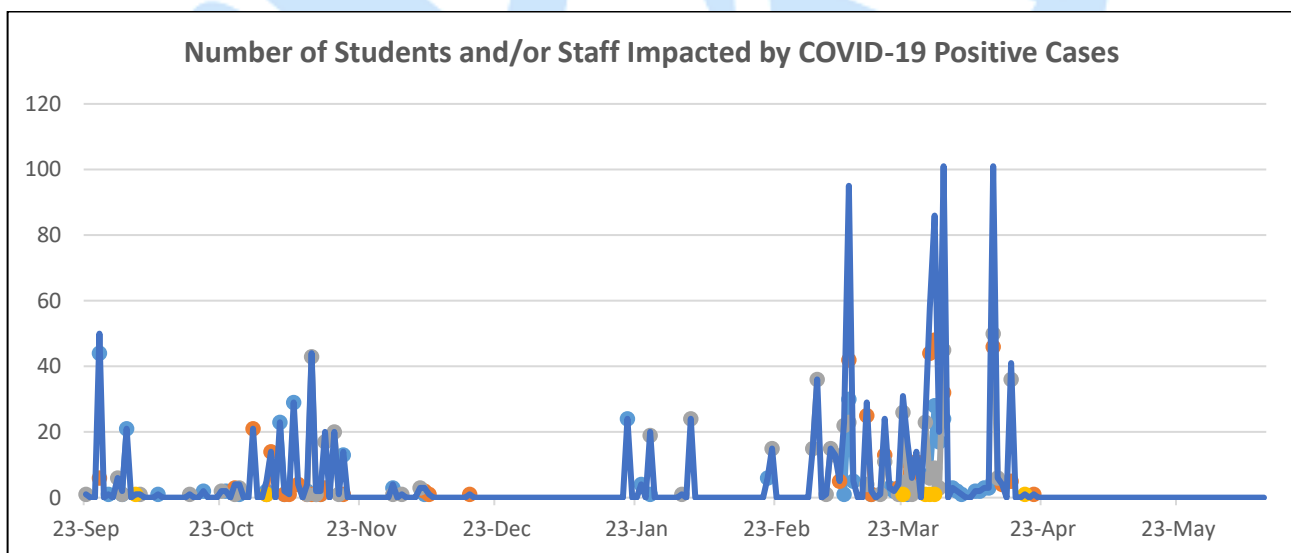
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April 21, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Since the last notification letter, the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) has identified multiple students/staff at Richmond Middle School and Richmond High School who have confirmed 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.

COVID-19 is having a significant effect on students and staff at Richmond Community Schools. As you can see from the chart below, to date, **1212 students/staff persons have been exposed to COVID-19 positive cases AND/OR tested positive for COVID-19**. Some have been or were exposed multiple times. This number only represents what has been reported to the District.



Guaranteed Learning for All Students!

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Richmond Community School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, military status, national origin or ancestry, sex (including sexual orientation), disability, age (except as authorized by law,) height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or employment. Inquiries related to any nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Superintendent, 35276 Division Road, Richmond, MI 48062, (586) 727-3565.

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.**

In addition, recent guidance received from the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) states that individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 OR have received the COVID-19 vaccination AND have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, must be quarantined. The MCHD is expecting updated guidelines from the CDC. When these are received, the District will follow the guidelines from the Macomb County Health Department.

Since the start of the school year, **1212 students and/or staff persons have been impacted by confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and 113 students and/or staff persons have been identified as confirmed (or probable) 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

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