



November 7, 2021

Dear Parents,

Today we became aware of two positive COVID cases at St. Joseph Elementary in the preschool, one a student and the other a member of the preschool staff. We are responsible for informing all staff and school parents of this by the CDC guidelines, the Calhoun County Public Health Department, and the Diocese of Kalamazoo. At this time all "close contacts" have been notified and directed on the next steps. We want to protect the confidentiality of this individual and request you do the same.

Under the direction of the health department, we are taking the following precautionary measures. The close contacts are at home, in quarantine, beginning today, November 7th.

We want to assure St. Joseph Elementary School families that we are moving forward under the guidance of the Calhoun County Public Health Department and that all measures have been taken to protect the well-being of our students/your child(ren). Please monitor for the onset of symptoms related to COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, fever (temperature above 100.4°F), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell. If you note any change in the health of your child, please contact your regular medical provider, and keep your child home from school.

We want to assure our families and school community that our staff has followed the comprehensive guidelines related to cleaning and screening students set forth by the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, Calhoun County Public Health Department, and the Diocese of Kalamazoo. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact me or Mrs. Myers directly. You may find information on our Back to School Plan on our website at [www.bcacs.org](http://www.bcacs.org). Let us join together in praying for the healing of these individuals.

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