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UPDATE: Caledonia High School to close through Friday, Sept. 11

At the recommendation of the Kent County Health Department (KCHD), Caledonia High School will close for in-person instruction, athletics and extracurricular activities for two weeks. The closure period will run from Monday, August 31 to Friday, Sept. 11 with all learning to be conducted online. All other CCS school buildings will remain open for in-person learning. This difficult decision was made as a result of an increase in COVID-19 cases among our students and staff.

According to the KCHD, five students and one staff member have now tested positive. As of Friday afternoon, KCHD completed contact tracing and has identified over 100 individuals who have had contact and they have been asked to self-quarantine for 14 days to avoid further spread and protect community health. These students have been asked to get tested for COVID-19, stay at home and avoid contact with other individuals.

As a result, there will be no in-person instruction or other in-person activities until Monday, Sept. 14 and only after it is determined to be safe by the KCHD and school medical experts. The High School administrative team will be sending out teaching and learning instructions including what to expect for over the next two weeks. Additionally, all athletic and extracurricular activities will be postponed until the high school is able to reopen, unless groups can meet virtually.

We did not come to this decision lightly. We have been working closely with the KCHD after the High School closed Friday to assess the magnitude of the outbreak and the extent of student and staff exposure.

During the two-week postponement of in-person learning, we urge all CCS students who have symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID-19 to get tested and to self-quarantine. The KCHD offers free COVID-19 screenings at multiple sites via appointment or walk-in; visit its [website](#) for more information. Self-quarantining has proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. We also urge all our students and families to comply with CDC guidelines to avoid further spread of COVID-19 in our community.

We ask that parents monitor their children for any onset of symptoms related to COVID-19. If there is any change in the health of your child, please call your medical provider.

CCS will continue to provide updates if this situation continues. We hope all our CCS families and staff stay safe and healthy during this period of virtual learning.

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