

December 23, 2020

Dear Crawford School Parent/Guardian,

The health and safety of our Crawford School community is a priority. We want to inform you we have recently received information that someone from our K-5 Crawford Classroom has tested positive for COVID-19. We are working closely with District Health Department #10.

The positive test was communicated to our school on December 23, 2020. Our school began our winter vacation at the conclusion of the in-person learning day for grades 6-8 on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

We are currently closed for the scheduled winter break, so you may be asked to quarantine and self-monitor for possible symptoms. If your child attended school on Monday, December 21, they are a direct contact and asked to quarantine at home until December 31 (10 days). After December 31, please closely monitor for four additional days. If symptoms develop, please seek medical attention. Also, please communicate symptoms and any test results to our school. Thank you.

Our K-5 students may return to in-person learning on Wednesday-January 6, 2021. This will meet a mandatory 14 day quarantine for this classroom. K-5 students are expected to learn remotely on January 4 & 5, 2021. K-5 students will NOT attend in-person learning on Monday-January 4, 2021.

Our 6-8 students will learn remotely on Monday-January 4, 2021 and will return to in-person learning on Tuesday-January 5, 2021.

We ask you to take these steps to continue to be aware of your child's health:

1. As a precaution **please** consider postponing plans for holiday family visits and social activities for the next 10 days. We apologize and know this is extremely challenging during this season. Please consider adjusting plans to take this situation seriously.
2. Continue to check your child for COVID-19 symptoms daily: fever or chills, new uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache, especially with fever.
 - If anyone in your household develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they should immediately [isolate](#) and call District Health Department #10 at 231.305.8675. Also contact your medical providers. You can find your local testing site at Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest.
 - If NO symptoms develop after 10 days and you have not been instructed otherwise to quarantine for a different exposure, your child may continue to attend school. This is only if no symptoms are present through consistent monitoring.

Thank you for understanding, due to medical privacy laws, we are unable to release individual health information of anyone identified. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we will continue to maintain a safe environment while also providing a quality Crawford education.

If you have any questions, contact District Health Department #10 at 231.305.8675. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

Additional COVID-19 resources from the CDC are listed below.

- **Daily Home Screening for Students:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/Daily-Home-Screening-for-Students-Checklist-ACTIVE-rev5A.pdf>
- **K-12 COVID-19 Symptom Screening Guidance:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

Please stay safe and healthy. We understand this is a very challenging situation during this special time of year. We must continue to work together. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

With Crawford Pride,

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