

October 14, 2020

Dear New Campus School Community,

We were informed by the Grand Traverse Health Department on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 of a positive school associated case of COVID-19 on New Campus School property. The health department is currently investigating the case and a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the school property was completed prior to students returning to school. Communication about this case has been posted to the [TBAISD COVID-19 web page](#), as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

New Campus School will remain open. We have worked closely with the local health department to identify close contacts of this school associated case. The health department does not recommend further action to be taken by the school at this time. Anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by the health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. If you have not been contacted by the health department, that means you as a staff member or as a student have not been in close contact with the person who tested positive.

We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if staff members or students are not experiencing symptoms:

- **Wear a mask** (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people who do not live with you must visit your home.
- **Practice social distancing** by maintaining 6 feet away from others
- **Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol).
- **Follow [capacity restrictions](#)** of social gatherings.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- **Stay home if you are sick**; you can also [get tested](#).

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individual with COVID-19. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions about this matter. We have included contact information to local health departments and encourage you to call them any time with your questions or concerns about COVID-19.

Grand Traverse County Health Department
Traverse City - 231-995-6111

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
Benzie Office - 231-882-4409
Leelanau Office - 231-256-0200

District Health Department #10 (serving Kalkaska county)
Kalkaska Office - 231-258-8669

Health Department of Northwest Michigan (serving Antrim county)

Bellaire Office - 231-533-8670
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.

We will continue to work to keep our school community safe and keep you informed every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Lisa Klepper, Supervisor
New Campus School
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