



# WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Yake Elementary School**

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To: Yake Parents/Guardians  
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Subject: COVID-19 Case Confirmation  
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On Friday, January 7, 2022, two confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) were reported at Yake Elementary School. Our school nurse worked working closely with our administration and teaching staff to identify exposures and prevent further cases. This letter is informational only; no further action is required from you at this time.

**Please note, no students or staff members were identified as close contacts with these cases.** Please see below for a further definition about Close Contact.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are less than six feet from each other for at least 15 minutes. A person who is a close contact of someone who is infected with COVID-19 may experience COVID-19 symptoms typically within two to fourteen days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include: Fever (>100.4° F), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

At this time close contacts with exposures have been notified by the school district and have been instructed to self-quarantine, per the Wayne County Health Department.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

1. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
2. Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
3. If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes must contain at least 60% alcohol. Dispose of wipes in the trash after use.

4. Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).
5. Follow guidance for wearing a face covering and social distancing.

If you have questions, please contact the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7078.

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas as needed with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

Additional information can be found on the [CDC website](#).

## **Close Contact**

No self-quarantine period is required in the K-12 school setting when an individual is identified as a close contact and one of the following situations applies:

- The close contact had a positive COVID (PCR) test within the past five months; **OR**
- The close contact has completed the vaccination protocol (two doses for Pfizer and Moderna, one dose for Johnson & Johnson) and 14 days have passed since the last dose of the vaccine has been administered; **OR**
- The exposure occurred only in the classroom while both the individual identified as COVID positive and the close contact were masked and sitting at least three feet apart, and the identified close contact remains asymptomatic and continues to closely monitor for symptoms.