



WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Greathead
Superintendent

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Dear Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Parents,

This communication is intended to clarify the confusion surrounding what is being interpreted as multiple student-positive COVID-19 cases at WHS on Friday.

On Friday, October 23, our school nurse, administration, and teachers investigated a positive case with a student (Student A) that had been in attendance on a day in which they may have been infectious. This is the first positive case at any of our secondary schools in which the student was attending all six (6) of their classes. As a result, 29 close contacts were identified (4-5 from each class; 28 students and 1 staff member).

Of those close contacts, one (1) student (Student B) had a rapid test conducted that same day that came back positive for COVID-19. We, therefore, began investigating close contacts for that student and determined that there were 19 additional close contacts (all students, no staff).

However, later that same day, we learned that Student B had then received a negative rapid test for COVID-19. For the time being, we will continue to count this student in our dashboard numbers while we, and the Wayne County Health Department, await the PCR test results (should be available later today, Monday, October 26).

It has been reported that this represents an “outbreak” at Woodhaven High School. **That has not been established by the health department at this time.** IF Student B’s PCR test comes back negative, then it will not meet the definition of an “outbreak”; IF Student B’s PCR test comes back as positive, then it will be classified as meeting the health department’s definition of an “outbreak”. Per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, *COVID-19 outbreaks are generally defined as two or more cases with a link by place and time indicating a shared exposure outside of a household.*

We will provide an update regarding this scenario once it is available. Please know that we will continue to work with our staff and students in providing the safest, in-person educational environment that we can. Additionally, we will continue to improve our practices, especially in the areas of communication (our dashboard on Friday included an additional WHS positive student case that should have been removed as it was a case

from earlier in the month for a student attending a limited number of classes at WHS; the dashboard has since been updated at www.mywbsd.org).

All classrooms in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District undergo a thorough cleaning and sanitization process on a daily basis. Our staff works diligently to wipe down all student desks during classroom transition times. Our students have done an exceptional job of wearing their face coverings and practicing good hygiene habits, especially at school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Greathead".

Mark Greathead
Superintendent
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Czajkowski".

Matthew Czajkowski
Principal
Woodhaven High School