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# Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we continue to work through this pandemic and all the changes associated with it. We wanted to reach out to you today to provide you with an update as the Kent County Health Department(KCHD) issued a [Public Health Order](#) with new protocols for managing COVID-19 in education institutions.

Since the onset of the pandemic, Caledonia Community Schools has continued to follow the guidance of the KCHD for school operations. Below is a summary of their new guidelines and requirements that will be implemented immediately:

- **Close contacts are identified as those students who are within 3 feet of a positive individual for 15 minutes.** The 3 feet distance will be used to identify close contacts at all grade levels and on the bus.
- **Students who are identified as close contacts to individuals who are COVID-19 positive will no longer be required to quarantine unless there is an “outbreak” in a school setting.** However, the district strongly recommends that students deemed as close contacts voluntarily quarantine. If you choose to voluntarily quarantine your student due to close contact they shall not be penalized. We do recommend that during self quarantine students do not attend school or participate in any extra-curricular activities.
- **All students who are currently quarantined may return to school and participate in extracurricular activities.** Students who are positive, have a positive family member in the household or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must remain in quarantine. As always, should your child(ren) experience any COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child(ren) home from school and follow up with your healthcare provider.

Caledonia Community Schools will continue to determine and notify school close contacts in order to ensure that parents and guardians are able to monitor their child(ren) for symptoms of COVID-19. We will also continue to submit close contact spreadsheets to the KCHD. The district will also continue to follow the required athletic testing issued by MHSAA and continue to implement social distancing, masking requirements and cleaning protocols currently in place for our schools.

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The order does not change the requirement for staff members if they are identified as a close contact unless they are fully vaccinated or were positive with COVID in the past 90 days. There may be situations in which we do not have the appropriate number of staff and some students or classes may be required to work remotely during a staff members quarantine period.

While we realize that COVID-19 related decisions often come with varied community opinions, we will continue to rely on the KCHD for guidance. We are confident that these changes will provide students with a safe educational environment and allow for greater educational opportunities for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building administrator. We look forward to a great end to the school year!

Sincerely,

CCS Administration

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