Mancelona Public Schools

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Dear Mancelona School Community:

We were informed by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan officials today, April 27, 2021, of a positive school associated case of COVID-19 at Mancelona High School. This means the individual was on school property during an infectious period of time.

We are working closely with the health department to identify close contacts of this school associated case. ***Anyone identified as a close contact will be notified by health department officials as a part of the investigation process.*** Cleaning and disinfecting of the school property has been completed and the health department does not recommend that the school take further action at this time. If you have not been contacted by the health department, that means you have not been in close contact with the person who is presumed positive.

Students, parents, staff and community members are reminded of the importance of following safety protocols to help the school community slow the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to be vigilant by limiting social gatherings, frequently washing hands, and wearing a mask while in public places. As always, we encourage everyone to continue to monitor for symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Stay home if you feel sick and get tested if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

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.

Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Bellaire Office: 231-533-8670
District Health Department #10, Kalkaska Office: 231-258-8669
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,

Jeffery DiRosa
Superintendent