

Grand Island Central School District

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Dear Grand Island Central School District Families,

Please be advised that an individual at Kaegebein Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The District has been in contact with the Erie County Department of Health (“ECDOH”) regarding the situation.

Importantly, the ECDOH has classified this particular person’s COVID-19 case as occurring “off-site”, which means that the person was **not** on campus during the time when the individual was contagious and/or when the individual contracted the virus. The ECDOH has advised that no district students or staff members are at risk of COVID-19 infection from this individual. The purpose of this letter is to simply inform you of the positive case, and to remind everyone that it is important that we all continue to comply with established health and safety protocols among other equally important preventative measures. If you or your child do experience any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and contact your physician.

We ask that you please respect the privacy of any individual in our school community who has tested positive and instead, focus on the measures that we know to be effective in stopping the spread of the virus. If you have any questions about this, please contact Cheryl Cardone, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, at 773-8816.

Additionally, the Erie County Department of Health has advised us that the [New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#), recently published by Governor Andrew Cuomo, replaces the necessity of school districts to individually send letters each time there is a positive COVID-19 lab result. However, in the event that a positive COVID-19 individual is identified on site, in one of our schools, the Department of Health will guide us in the appropriate measures of communication, contact tracing, quarantining, isolation and/or the necessity of closing a classroom or school.

As always, the number one priority is the health, safety and welfare of all of our community. Thank you for staying informed and for your continued support as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,



Brian Graham, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools