

October 5, 2020

Dear Dodgeland Parents,

We write to provide you with an update on COVID-19 in our school. The Dodge County Public Health Department informed us Friday afternoon that two students tested positive COVID-19. The administration, along with our school nurse, Gloria Miller, immediately began a comprehensive contact tracing investigation. Parents of all students who had close contact with either of the COVID-19 positive students have been contacted and those students will be quarantined.

The spread of the coronavirus is of significant concern to us all. We know that having accurate data is an important variable in understanding the impact of COVID-19 on your child, our students, our staff, and our ability to keep our doors open. Based on models that other school systems are using, we have created a COVID data dashboard that can be found on our website. This dashboard will be updated each Friday. You will be able to see the number of staff and students who have tested positive for COVID-19, as well as the number of students in quarantine and isolation. Additionally, we will track this data over time with a chart comprised of historical data available for public viewing on the COVID data dashboard. Please note that if there are fewer than five individuals in any data cell, we will not be providing data for that cell so as to protect the privacy of those individuals.

While it is our hope that we can maintain our in-person learning environment, we take this opportunity to remind you that moving from in-person to blended learning may need to happen and with very short notice. Please remind your child to take his or her iPad and charger home each afternoon. If we need to move to blended learning, it would likely be of short duration (e.g., two weeks for deep cleaning or to complete a quarantine cycle, etc.). Maintaining our safety protocols is critically important to our ability to keep our doors open and events happening.

We once again thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please contact any member of the administrative team.

Sincerely yours,

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