

DATE: October 1, 2020
TO: LAS Parents and Guardians
FROM: L'Anse Area Schools
RE: **CASE IDENTIFICATION**

A confirmed case of coronavirus, (COVID-19) has been identified in a person who works at our school. We have worked closely with the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department to identify exposures and prevent further cases. This letter is informational only; no further action is required for your student at this time. We do not have any reported Covid positive students at this time but some students have been quarantined due to exposure to a Covid positive person.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are close contact with one another (within about 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). Illness begins 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include:
Fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

At this time close contacts with exposures have been notified separately and are following guidelines of WUPHD.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

1. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
2. Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
3. If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes work well against COVID-19 if they contain at least 60% alcohol. Throw wipes in the trash after use.
4. Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).

If you have questions, please contact LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT at 524-6142.
If your child is identified as a close contact separate communication will be sent.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>