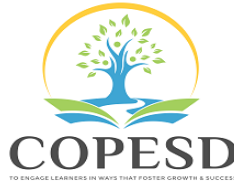


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November 8, 2021

Dear Mr. Shirley's Classroom Families,

The COPESD recently became aware of two individuals in Mr. Shirley's COPESD classroom program in Gaylord who has tested positive for COVID-19. The date of the possible exposure was on November 3rd and the second instance on November 5th. This letter is being posted as notification per state requirements via the districts website. If your child is recommended to quarantine because of an exposure, we or someone from the health department will contact you. If your student/child is NOT identified as someone who is recommended to quarantine, then you will not be contacted but should continue to follow established guidelines for screening and monitoring.

To protect each person's private health information, the school district will not release the names of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. It is our role to tell all the families of COP Programs that we are moving forward under the guidance of the local health department and that all measures are being taken to protect the wellbeing of your child.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. We encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected. Please answer the phone or return a voicemail if the Health Department or District contacts you. A contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

Please monitor for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19 including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, diarrhea, or new fatigue. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your primary care provider. If you are interested in further information about COVID-19 in our community or have additional questions related to this pandemic, please check out <http://www.nwhealth.org/> or www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

You may also call the State of Michigan COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. R. Huber".

Mr. Jamie R. Huber, Superintendent

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