



ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

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231-760-1787
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March 23, 2021

Dear Orchard View Community:

Today, March 23, 2021 we received notification of two positive COVID-19 cases at Orchard View Schools. One is a student who attends Orchard View High School. The student was last on site on Monday, March 22, 2021. We also had a report of a high school teacher testing positive for COVID -19 today. The teacher was last on site on Friday, March 19, 2021. We are currently in the process of conducting our contact tracing and will notify everyone directly that could be considered a close contact.

Please rest assured that all impacted parts of each building have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected since the two individuals were on site.

I am proud to say all staff and students have been following our safety protocols outlined in our Return to School Plan, including wearing masks and social distancing whenever possible. Since school began, we have increased our efforts to clean and disinfect equipment, light switches, door knobs/handles, and bathrooms, in addition to our regular cleaning and disinfecting schedule.

This case will be noted on our Covid-19 Dashboard on our website homepage. Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals who test positive.

As always, we care about the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. Please help limit the spread of COVID-19 by continuing to check your students [each morning for symptoms](#).

Public Health has also provided these reminders:

- Wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people visit your home
- Limit social gatherings and practice social distancing (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart)
- Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you are sick
- [Get tested](#) if needed

If we all work together, we can maintain a safe place to learn while also providing quality education.

If you have any questions, call the Orchard View Schools at 231-760-1300 or call Public Health-Muskegon County at 231-724-1203. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/coronavirus)

Sincerely,

Jim Nielsen, Superintendent Orchard View Schools