

August 27, 2021

Westfield families:

This letter is to inform you that a student who was at Westfield Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy restrictions, we will not share the student's name. The student was last in the building on Thursday, August 26. The district received notification on Friday, August 27, that the student tested positive.

The district is working directly with the DuPage County Health Department to identify any students or staff who were a close contact, which is defined at school as anyone who spent 15 cumulative minutes within three feet of the infected person during the 48 hours prior to the student showing symptoms. **If your student was a close contact, you will receive a phone call followed by a letter with specific instructions for next steps. If you are not contacted, your student was not a close contact.**

Parents should take their child's temperature each day and keep them home if their temperature is 100.4 or greater or they have [COVID-19 symptoms](#). Students should stay home and contact the school nurse if they are positive for COVID-19, have COVID-19 symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19. If your student develops COVID-19 symptoms, that student (as well as any siblings) should stay home from school.

Students and staff at Westfield Elementary School were following, and continue to follow, protocols for social distancing, hand washing, air ventilation, and masks. The district reviews data with the health department for signs of spread or outbreak.

The district will continue to follow all cleaning and disinfecting recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, state health officials, and local health departments both during and after school.

There is no immediate action you need to take. At this time, the most important things you can do are:

- Make sure your child wears a mask at school.
- Make sure your child washes their hands regularly.
- Encourage your student to maintain social distancing.
- Reduce your exposure and risk outside of school.
- Stay home if you are sick or, if in the previous 14 days, you have had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, is under investigation for COVID-19, or is ill with a respiratory illness. Call your primary healthcare provider if you or a household member has symptoms of COVID-19.

The district will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID-19 cases. Detailed information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website: www.dph.illinois.gov

The district is committed to providing our students with a healthy and transparent learning environment. The well-being of our school community is always our top priority. The latest information about COVID-19 in our district is available at www.ccsd89.org/COVID

If you have any questions, please contact Westfield Principal Matt McDonald.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent