



October 6, 2020

Park Elementary School Closure

Dear TRCS Parent Guardian:

We were notified today by the Branch-Hillsdale-St Joseph Community Health Agency that two of our students at Park Elementary tested positive for COVID-19. Through the contact tracing process associated with these cases, along with the case we reported yesterday, we have identified a significant number of staff and students that will be required to quarantine by the Branch-Hillsdale-St Joseph Community Health Agency. As a result, Park Elementary will be closed to students beginning Wednesday, October 7th, 2020. We plan to reopen the building to students on Monday, October 19th. At this time all other Three Rivers Community School buildings remain open.

Park Elementary students and staff will engage in our remote learning plan starting on Thursday, October 8th and continue during the week of October 12th. Park Elementary will provide additional information to Park Elementary parents/guardians as it relates to remote learning including chromebook distribution.

We are responsible for informing all students, teachers, and staff who are considered “close contacts” according to the CDC guidelines. If your student is required to quarantine because of an exposure we will contact you. If your student does not qualify as a close contact you will not hear from us. As federal law requires we will protect the confidentiality of these students & staff unless there is a reason to inform you of their identity.

It is our role to tell all families of Three Rivers Community Schools that we are moving forward under the guidance of the St. Joseph County Health Agency and that all measures have been taken to protect the wellbeing of your child(ren). These safety measures include daily health checks, required facial coverings and social distancing, frequent handwashing, and sanitizing, common touch areas and personal work space disinfecting, Daily facility cleaning/disinfecting and contact tracing with St. Joseph County Health Agency. Please monitor for the onset of symptoms related to COVID-19; including cough, shortness of breath, fever (Temp>100.4 F), chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your regular medical provider.

Thank you for your understanding and continuing support in practicing good hygiene and safety protocols relative to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron'.

Ron Moag- Superintendent