



North Mac CUSD #34

Elementary School Information

217/965-5424

Today is Friday, September 4th, 2020

News:

September 3, 2020

Dear Families and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at North Mac Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. We are coordinating our efforts with the Macoupin County Public Health Department to promptly identify and monitor individuals who have had recent contact with the COVID-19 positive individual to prevent further spread within our school and community. The health and safety of students and staff is our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health. After discussions with the Macoupin County Public Health Department and the infected individual, we have determined that this individual was not present on campus within 72 hours of his/her first symptoms. That being the case, we are not required, nor is it being recommended, that we temporarily close the school.

To prevent further spread of the disease, we are taking the following steps:

- Ongoing and vigilant monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness and evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks.
- Conducting a deep clean and disinfection of the areas impacted by potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- Students are required to wear face coverings at all times, as previously directed and per school policy.
- Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while in contact with children and other staff in the facility.
- We are continuously sanitizing high-touch surfaces including door handles, stair rails, sink faucets, etc.
- We have removed plush toys and other toys that cannot be properly or frequently disinfected.
- We are teaching students the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing:
 - Students are discouraged from sharing personal items, e.g., water bottles.
 - Students are learning new ways to greet each other without touching.
 - Students are reminded to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth, and to cover coughs and sneezes.
 - Students will be taught to wash their hands frequently and properly, following CDC guidelines on handwashing.
- As we receive more information from the Department of Public Health and other entities, we will implement additional recommendations and guidelines as directed.

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep your child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, your child's school, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jay A. Goble
Superintendent

Reminders:

- 9/7 – HAPPY LABOR DAY!! No school -- Enjoy Family Time!
- 9/28 & 9/29 – School Photo Days: 9/28 for Cohort A and 9/29 for Cohort B. Flyers will be posted on Dojo soon.
- 9/30 – District Board Meeting, 6:30p, HS Media Center. NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be limited to 50 attendees total. If you wish to attend, you must pre-register by contacting Aprille Kuhar by email at: AKuhar@northmacschools.org no later than 4:00 PM on September 26th. Attendees will be registered on a first come, first serve basis. Masks must be worn by ALL attendees.

Week at a glance:

- 9/4 – Cohort "B" Attendance Day

Week's Menu:

- Friday, 9/4 –
Breakfast – Cook's Choice, Fruit/Juice and Milk
Lunch – Cook's Choice, Fruit/Juice and Milk