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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the course of the past week (Feb. 8th through Feb. 11th) Elk Rapids High School had one (1) instance (*down from a total of 2 the previous week, Jan.31st-Feb.4th*) of a Covid-positive case, either from student's families who self-reported and contacted our office, and/or resulting from our own in-school antigen testing process. So that you are aware, each and every Monday going forward, I will send out updated COVID case information to families of Elk Rapids High School.

As you know, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. It is easily spread from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Symptoms of COVID-19 may present as a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or loss of taste or smell. Symptoms may be mild but sometimes result in difficulty breathing, severe fatigue, or confusion.

At this time, healthy, asymptomatic students and staff in kindergarten through 12th grade will not be required to be excluded-quarantined due to **school exposure** under the following conditions:

1. The student does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.
2. The student is not currently in isolation after testing positive for COVID.
3. The student is not currently excluded/quarantined for an exposure to COVID outside of the school setting.
4. The student's exposure to COVID was not related to an identified outbreak.

Your child may have been exposed; therefore, please:

- Continue to monitor your child/yourself for COVID-19 symptoms, including minor cold symptoms, for 10 days following this notice.
    - If your child develops any symptoms, please inform the school, seek testing for COVID-19 infection, and keep your child at home while ill.
- Consider getting your child tested 5-7 days after the exposure as he/she could be infected without any symptoms. This is considered surveillance testing, which helps monitor the spread of COVID-19 and does not require that a student stay home with the test results pending, unless he/she is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Rapid testing is available at Elk Rapids High School from 7:15 AM to 3:30 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Other community testing options are available throughout the health department jurisdiction. To view locations and testing information, click here.

The local health department recommends for everyone 5 years of age or older to be vaccinated. They also recommend a booster dose 6 months after the primary series for Pfizer and Moderna and 2 months after your primary series for Johnson & Johnson. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment to immunize your child, please contact the health department at (800) 432-4121 or visit their website to self-schedule at www.nwhealth.org/covid19main.html, call your child's pediatrician, or check your local pharmacy.

For any COVID-19 related questions, please call the health department's Public Health Information Line at (800) 386-5959.

Sincerely,

Jack Young - Principal