



# Clark Public Schools

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Dear Clark Schools Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 has occurred at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School. Due to this case, our CHK students are being kept home from school through and including Friday, September 25. While we are just finding out about this positive test result now, the test was actually taken last Tuesday (the 15<sup>th</sup>). The 14 days from that test brings us to next Monday (the 28<sup>th</sup>) for which we are already closed in observance of Yom Kippur. Please know that this positive case has not impacted our other schools in any way and they therefore will be able to remain open during this time.

The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas are being completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the CDC promoted safeguards such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes, and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick, and not sharing food, drinks, and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms

As always, we appreciate our community's support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. COVID-19 resources from the CDC are available below and on your school website under the "Health and Nurse" tab.

How to Protect Yourself & Others:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Social Distancing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

What to Do If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>



When to Quarantine:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Isolate If You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/isolation.html>

Contact Tracing:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html#:~:text=Contact%20tracing%20slows%20the%20spread%20of%20COVID%2D19%20by&text=Helping%20people%20who%20may%20have,they%20are%20a%20close%20contact.>

Kindly feel free to contact our Supervisor of School Nursing/CHK School Nurse Lori Kowalski by email at [lkowalski@clarkschools.org](mailto:lkowalski@clarkschools.org) with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

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