

November 15, 2020

Dear Garden City School Community,

Tomorrow we will have 91 students and 7 staff members in quarantine throughout the District. Since late Friday, we have 7 positive cases of COVID-19. Of these cases, 5 are at the High School and 2 at the Middle School. Prior to these 7 new cases, 5 students and 1 staff member had tested positive since September. They are either back or soon to return to school.

The Department of Health was notified and our internal contact tracing was completed late this afternoon. Anyone considered as a possible close contact is in the process of being notified. School closure is not warranted at this time.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, we will continue to enforce our current practice of wearing masks, social distancing, practicing hand hygiene, cleaning high touch areas, disinfecting our buildings daily, and our contact tracing protocol. I also would like to ask you to be careful outside of school so that we can continue to keep our schools open. I am pleased that due to our practices, we are able to remain open.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools