

E-mail sent via school messenger - October 27, 2020

Good Evening,

This notice is being sent to you in an effort to keep our community informed about how the COVID-19 situation is affecting the Gasconade County R-1 School District. This evening administration was notified of three positive COVID-19 cases that have impacted our students. Although we believe the chance of further exposure is minimal, we want to let parents know of the situation.

Hermann Middle School has implemented procedures to help students practice social distancing and to help with contact tracing. By implementing these practices those affected by a quarantine have been reduced. However, we also want to encourage our students to be mindful of social distancing recommendations while off-campus.

At this time, parents of students who were in direct contact have been notified and students have been placed on quarantine. A close contact is someone who is within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes within a 24 hour period of time. Please talk with your child about practicing social distancing.

Please be mindful of the signs and symptoms that can occur with COVID-19, which include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss in sense of taste and/or smell
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain

If you or your child should show any of these signs or symptoms, please keep your child home from school and contact your healthcare provider or your county health department.

We ask that you stay mindful of the situation and report any concerns. If you should have any questions, please contact myself or the Gasconade County Health Department.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools