



## WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent Tom DeKeyser

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Good evening,

Our student who tested positive for COVID-19 is doing well. A full recovery is well underway! Contact tracing will continue tomorrow to ensure WLPS staff have examined all potential close contacts. Close contact is defined as spending more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of an individual who is COVID-19 positive.

In working with Washtenaw County Health Department this evening, they agreed with the initial WLPS contact tracing investigation. Currently, the close contacts are limited to WLES Upper Elementary (grades 5-6). Individuals identified as close contacts will be contacted by WLPS and WCHD. If you are not contacted tonight, then your children were appropriately socially distanced throughout the contagious period.

Tomorrow is "Count Day" in Michigan. Switching to remote learning on Count Day was not something I wanted to do. It was a necessity to ensure a thorough investigation could be conducted. However, WLPS has been given permission to use remote learning to track attendance. Therefore, it is very important that students are logging in to their remote classes tomorrow. It is not a day off.

I expect to have all interviews done, videos watched, and seating charts analyzed by late morning tomorrow. WLPS will announce if it needs to extend remote learning or if students and staff are safe to return on Thursday. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tom DeKeyser

Superintendent