

# KALEVA NORMAN DICKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Small School – Big Family*

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Thursday September 30, 2021

Dear Families,

Yesterday we were made aware that three of our students in the high school tested positive for Covid-19. These students attended the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 25, 2021 which resulted in 19 close contacts. These students and their families have been made aware that they are close contacts. According to new guidance from the Health Department and CDC, nine of these students do not have quarantine due to being vaccinated. Ten students will be quarantined following Health Department and CDC guidelines. They will remain home until October 8, 2021. These students could return to school as early as October 5, 2021 if they have a negative Covid 19 test result that day.

In addition, yesterday we were made aware that a member of the Middle School Football coaching staff has tested positive for Covid 19. This resulted in 15 close contacts of which four will not have to quarantine due to vaccination status. The remaining eleven students will quarantine at home until Monday, October 11, 2021. These students could return to school as early as Friday, October 8, 2021 if they have a negative Covid 19 test result that day. As a result, all middle school football practices and the middle school football game have been cancelled for this week.

To help protect your family from the negative effects of Covid-19, please consider the following information that is provided from the Health Department... 1. Fully vaccinated individuals deemed a closed contact do not have to quarantine as long as they are not experiencing symptoms. 2. Regardless of vaccination status, an individual wearing a mask properly from the exposed individual, does not need to quarantine. 3. Students and staff not vaccinated, not wearing a mask, and are within 6 feet of an individual for 15 cumulative minutes who tests positive, will be quarantined for a minimum of 7 days. Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns you may have. Should you have any questions for the Health Department you can reach them at 231-723-3595.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Smith  
KND K-12 Principal