

November 9, 2021

Dear Crawford School Families,

The health and safety of our school community is a priority. We continue to experience student illness within our school population. Today, Tuesday-November 9, 2021, we have 22 students out of 48 overall absent. This is a 54% attendance rate. The state requirement is 75% daily. Our priority is the health and safety of our entire school community.

Working in collaboration with District Health Department #10, effective Wednesday, November 10, 2021, our school will be closed due to flu like or COVID like illness. We expect to reopen the school on Monday, November 15, 2021. At this time, we have no reported positive cases of COVID 19, or specific illness within our school population. We have students with various symptoms, but we have no reported positive cases. Please consider seeking medical attention and/or getting a COVID test completed if your child has symptoms. Please communicate the health status and any test results to your teacher. Our return date may need to be adjusted depending if a specific cause of this outbreak is found. Once again, we are hopeful this does not happen.

We are expecting to re-open our school for teaching and learning on Monday, November 15, 2021. Our custodian will begin "deep cleaning" all parts of our school this evening. These five days, the week of November 8-12, 2021 will unfortunately be counted as "snow day" type closures with the State of Michigan. We are not able to utilize remote learning options for these days as in past years. Each school is allowed six days per year. We are hopeful school will not be closed for inclement weather or illness in the future, which may impact our year end calendar.

We know this is very difficult for everyone involved. This has been a challenging two years for all of us. The bottom line is the health and safety of our students, staff, parents, siblings, relatives and the entire school community is the top priority.

Please see the information attached regarding free COVID testing at the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center on Birch Street on Sunday-Tuesday-Thursday. Please communicate any test results to your child's teacher.

Unless you hear otherwise from us, please plan on our school being open on Monday-November 15, 2021. Please address any questions, comments or concerns to Principal Mike Hill or your child's teacher. Mr. Hill can be reached at [mhill@crawfordschool.org](mailto:mhill@crawfordschool.org) or 231.342.7168. Please be safe and stay healthy.

With Crawford School Pride,

Crawford Staff and Board of Education