

School-Based COVID-19 Reporting Principal Directions



DATE: October 23, 2020
TO: Students, Parents, and Staff
FROM: WESTERN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
RE: COVID-19 Case Identification

A confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified at Western International High School. We are working closely with **Detroit Health Department** to identify exposures and prevent further cases. This letter is informational only; no further action is required for your student at this time.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are less than six feet from other each other for at least 15 minutes. A person who is a close contact of someone who is infected with COVID-19 may experience COVID-19 symptoms typically within two to fourteen days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

At this time close contacts with exposures will be notified separately by the **DPSCD** and instructed to self-quarantine.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

1. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
2. Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
3. If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes must contain at least 60% alcohol. Dispose of wipes in the trash after use.
4. Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).
5. Follow guidance for wearing a face covering and social distancing.

If you have questions, please contact **Detroit Health Department** at **313-876-4000**.

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas as needed with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

Additional information can be found on the [CDC website](#).

Students Rise. We All Rise.