

August 21, 2020

Dear Caledonia Community,

Daily screening of students and staff for COVID systems will be another important tool that we will use to keep everyone safe and keep our schools open. According to Executive Order 2020-142 and the Michigan Return to School Roadmap, schools are "required to cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff for COVID-19". Daily symptom screening is an important aspect of protection against the spread and transmission of COVID-19 to others. By asking our children on a **daily basis** if they are feeling ill before sending them to school, it will help us prevent possible transmission of COVID-19 to other students and school staff. CCS strongly encourage the use of a HIPAA-compliant screening app developed by the Kent County Health Department for each student and staff member daily. Once we receive this app, we will quickly get this information out to all families as quickly as possible and encourage everyone to use the app daily.

The parent or guardian will answer two simple questions each morning before the start of the school day. One is a symptom check, and the other asks about recent close contacts with a known case of COVID-19. If the answer is NO to both of the questions, the student or staff person is cleared to enter the school. If the answer is YES to one or both of these questions, the parent or staff person **should call the school for further instructions**. They should NOT enter the school.

As an alternative to the electronic screening app, a paper-based screening form will be made available and sent home with students on the first day. This signed form will serve as a confirmation that the parent or guardian will review the screening items daily and endorse that your child is well to attend school. However, we strongly encourage the use of the daily screening app to ensure the most up to date and accurate information for the safety of everyone in our CCS community.

Finally, we have another short and friendly [video](#) to share that speaks to the importance of screening and what parents and staff should do if they have signs of COVID or in close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Thanks again for your support in helping us create the safe learning environment that all students deserve.

Sincerely,

Caledonia Administrative Team