



# Nauset Public Schools

78 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans, Massachusetts 02653  
Phone: 508-255-8800 • Fax: 508-240-2351 • <http://nausetschools.org>

**Thomas M. Conrad**  
Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 20, 2020

To: All Staff and Families

From: Superintendent Thomas Conrad  
District Nurse Coordinator Mary Ellen Reed

Re: **Protocols in the Event of Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Nauset Community**

As testing for COVID-19 becomes more available, we will undoubtedly soon learn of confirmed cases that directly impact our Nauset Schools community. In anticipation of that eventuality, we are writing to make you aware of the protocols we have set in place for when we are notified of a confirmed case(s).

Once there is a confirmed case involving a student or staff member at one of our schools, the school nurse will be notified by the local department of health. Upon such notification, we will immediately communicate with you the information we are able to, while at the same time honoring our obligation to protect confidential health information.

- The student or staff member and his/her family will be instructed by the department of public health to self-quarantine.
- We will notify you of the last known date of attendance at school of the student / staff member.
- Known direct contacts of the person who has tested positive will be contacted by their local department of public health.
- As mandated by HIPPA confidentiality laws, we will not be able to share specifics regarding which class or which student or staff member is involved. We will only be able to inform you of the school building

Our school nurses are working in concert with the local departments of public health in the reporting and monitoring of cases. To assist our nurses in supporting the local departments of public health, we ask that you also report both known and suspected cases of the virus in your family to your child's school nurse. Contact information for our school nurses and departments of health is attached.

As this situation progresses, we cannot stress enough the importance of social distancing. Again, this means no playdates, get-togethers, parties, sleepovers, or families/friends visiting each other's homes. We know that it is difficult for children to be away from their friends and extended family, but it is the only reliable way to slow the spread of the virus, protect all of our vulnerable community members, and also reduce the burden on our healthcare system. For your assistance, we are attaching again information regarding strategies for social distancing and self-quarantine.

In closing, it is important to emphasize our commitment to confidentiality. As with any medical issue, we are required to maintain the confidentiality of our staff, students and families at all times. We cannot provide person-specific information regarding reasons for absences, illness and/or travel history. We appreciate our community's patience and understanding as we support our students, staff, and families through these challenging times.

Attachments

**NAUSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SCHOOL NURSE and LOCAL DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH CONTACT INFORMATION**

<b>School</b>	<b>School Nurse Contact</b>			<b>Local Board of Health</b>		
	<b><u>Nurse Name</u></b>	<b><u>telephone</u></b>	<b><u>email</u></b>	<b><u>Town Health Director</u></b>	<b><u>telephone</u></b>	<b><u>email</u></b>
Stony Brook Elementary	Colleen Lawless	508-255-8800, ext. 7061	<a href="mailto:lawlessc@nausetschools.org">lawlessc@nausetschools.org</a>	Amy von Hone	508-896-3701, ext. 1120	<a href="mailto:brhealth@brewster-ma.gov">brhealth@brewster-ma.gov</a>
Eddy Elementary	Melissa Miller	508-255-8800, ext. 7062	<a href="mailto:millerm@nausetschools.org">millerm@nausetschools.org</a>	" "	" "	" "
Eastham Elementary	Karen Labranche	508-255-0808, ext. 2113	<a href="mailto:labranchek@nausetschools.org">labranchek@nausetschools.org</a>	Jane Crowley	508-240-5900, ext. 3229	<a href="mailto:jcrowley@eastham-ma.gov">jcrowley@eastham-ma.gov</a>
Orleans Elementary	Mary Ellen Reed	508-255-0380, ext. 3005	<a href="mailto:reedm@nausetschools.org">reedm@nausetschools.org</a>	Robert Canning	508-240-3700, ext. 2450	<a href="mailto:health@town.orleans.ma.us">health@town.orleans.ma.us</a>
Wellfleet Elementary	Claudia Cope-Crosen	508-255-8800, ext. 7060	<a href="mailto:copec@nausetschools.org">copec@nausetschools.org</a>	Hillary Greenberg-Lemos	508-349-0308	<a href="mailto:hillary.lemos@wellfleet-ma.gov">hillary.lemos@wellfleet-ma.gov</a>
NRMS	Bonnie Hartung	508-255-0016, ext. 5270	<a href="mailto:hartungb@nausetschools.org">hartungb@nausetschools.org</a>			contact local board of health of the town in which you reside
NRHS	Jamie Staniels	508-255-1505, ext. 5270	<a href="mailto:stanielsj@nausetschools.org">stanielsj@nausetschools.org</a>			contact local board of health of the town in which you reside

Full list of all towns in Barnstable County Boards of Health

<https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/resources/board-of-health-contacts>

