



October 7, 2021

Antioch CCSD 34 Families and Staff,

Yesterday, we became aware that on Friday, October 1, 2021, an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) dashboard reported a COVID-19 outbreak at Oakland Elementary School. In consultation with the Lake County Health Department, we worked throughout the day yesterday to gain clarification regarding this designation and reporting.

Upon speaking with the Health Department yesterday afternoon, the time period that is being referenced on this dashboard occurred between August 31, 2021 and September 11, 2021. In navigating the cases that did present during that time frame, we were in constant communication with the Health Department and followed all recommendations and mitigation measures. At the time, we were not informed that the cases constituted an outbreak (defined at the time as 2 or more cases that are connected to each other), nor were we asked to close the classroom or take an adaptive pause from in-person instruction. Upon the closure of the Health Department's case investigation, the threshold of an outbreak was subsequently met and eventually reported to IDPH, however, it was not reported to Antioch CCSD 34 or Oakland Elementary School.

We became aware of the designation yesterday, October 6, 2021.

To reiterate, we were aware of these cases at the time and worked with the Health Department throughout the process; however at that time the outbreak designation was not reported to us nor IDPH. The Health Department has shared that the delay in reporting was due to reduced staff capacity and their commitment to prioritizing case investigations and contact tracing for all Lake County school districts during the recent COVID-19 surge.

Moving forward, we will continue to keep our [COVID Dashboard](#) updated daily. Additionally, we will continue to work with our partners at the Health Department for all COVID-19 related cases, concerns, and questions. They have been very helpful in their accessibility and guidance. As processes continue to evolve, they have developed procedures that will keep us informed of case outcomes and any outbreak designations in the future.

It remains our priority to make sure that our students and staff are safe when at school. We will continue to keep in place our mitigation measures we have implemented to maintain a learning environment that reduces COVID transmission risk, to the extent possible. We will continue to partner with the Lake County Health Department to

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reduce risk by following guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Illinois State Board of Education.

As a reminder, if your child is experiencing any symptoms, please make sure to keep them at home and communicate with the building nurse regarding next steps. We truly appreciate your partnership in helping us keep all of our students and staff healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent