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Thursday, December 17, 2020

Dear Thomas Middle School Families:

Today, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) informed me that they are recommending that Thomas Middle School in Arlington Heights move to a remote learning model until mid-January 2021.

After doing a review of all of the data our school nurse and school administrators have consistently provided, CCDPH has determined that since October 23rd, there have been to-date 29 cases and 33 close contacts. This does not include family members or outside contacts that have also contracted COVID-19.

CCDPH informed me that since this is an ongoing outbreak (with the latest reported symptom onset of a student or staff member on December 9th), and since students move to different classrooms with various students, there is a risk for continuous transmission of COVID-19, leading them to recommend that Thomas move to a remote learning model.

I know this is disappointing for our students, families, and staff. However, we need to follow the guidance of our local health experts. Therefore, Thomas Middle School will return to remote learning effective Friday, December 18, 2020 through Friday, January 15, 2021.

Please do continue to notify the Thomas Middle School nurse if your student develops COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive so that we can continue to track the impact of this outbreak, and so that we can be confident that it has ended before we return to in-person learning.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.
Superintendent