

Atchison Co students test positive for COVID-19

(KAIR)--Students attending the Atchison County Community Schools have tested positive for COVID-19, leading to the cancellation of activities earlier this week.

That word was delivered in a letter addressed to the Tiger Nation by Superintendent of Schools for USD 377, Dr. Andrew Gaddis.

Gaddis, in the letter dated Thursday, wrote that on that day, the district was "notified that students [of the district] tested positive for COVID-19," with that finding affecting both school buildings in the district.

Gaddis said the positive cases "involve both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals.

Citing "safety of the community as a whole," Gaddis, in the letter, explains that was the reason for the cancellation of Thursday's after school activities, in order to allow the district's custodial staff "to thoroughly and deeply clean the buildings."

Gaddis says it's "extremely important that all students, parents and community members closely monitor for potential symptoms," adding that everyone "must be diligent so [the school district] is not significantly affected by COVID-19."

Saying that "not informing the school of potential exposure or symptoms and refusal to be tested will only make the situation worse, not better," he added that the school district recommends "that unvaccinated individuals wear a face covering while inside buildings or in crowds where social distancing cannot be practiced."

The number of students who tested positive is not made public.

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