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Latest Test Results Reveal No Mumps Cases at Calvin College

GRAND RAPIDS – Since last Wednesday the Kent County Health Department has been working with staff and students at Calvin College after the discovery of suspected cases of mumps among students at the college.

In all, there have been four suspected cases. The first two were tested last week. One case was negative, one returned results that were inconclusive. Late this afternoon the results of a retest on that case again returned inconclusive results.

The third case was also returned negative.

Today KCHD became aware of a fourth possible case on the campus. Test results in that case are pending.

Last Friday, KCHD staff offered free vaccinations to the approximately 40 unvaccinated Calvin students. More than a dozen remain unvaccinated.

KCHD would like to thank the staff and administration at Calvin College for their continued cooperation as it continues to monitor for the possibility of other suspected cases.

The Kent County Health Department strongly recommends that everyone, regardless of student status, who does not have a medical contraindication, receive and stay current on all vaccinations and immunizations.

For more information about vaccinations visit: <https://www.accesskent.com/Health/Immunizations/>

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.