



WATERTOWN

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to notify you that an individual in your son/daughter's classroom _____ has tested positive for COVID-19. We have worked with the Watertown Public Health Department to quickly identify any students or staff that may have come into close contact with the individual who has tested positive. Any individuals who are identified as being in close contact are considered exposed and are at risk of getting sick. **At this time, we have determined close contacts and these individuals have been contacted by either the Watertown Public Health Department or the Watertown Unified School District.** These individuals will be instructed to stay home from school (self-quarantine) for 14 days from the date of exposure. **If you have not been notified by the WUSD, your son/daughter is NOT quarantined and he/she may continue to attend school.**

COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in "close contact" with one another (close contact=anyone within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes). As always, we encourage you to check your emails and make sure to answer any calls that you receive from us and them, as we are working very hard to control the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. **If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, please consult immediately with your medical provider and/or the health department and be sure to tell them about this letter.**

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, sings, or laughs. The virus might also be spread in other ways, such as touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Symptoms of COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported-ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include fever (100.4 degrees F or higher), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. COVID-19 can be prevented by washing hands often, avoiding close contact, covering mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others, covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning/disinfecting frequently touched surface areas daily, and monitoring your health daily.

WUSD is implementing daily health and safety precautions at school to keep students and staff healthy and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Daily health and safety precautions that you can follow at home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 includes: Practice routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, wash hands often and use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available, wear face coverings while in public, avoid large gatherings, stay at home when presenting symptoms of illness, notifying our school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

I am sending home a COVID-19 fact sheet from the WI Dept. of Health Services about this illness so that you will know what to watch for in your child. If you have any questions, please call your medical provider, the Watertown Public Health Department at 920-262-8090, or myself at 920-262-1460 x 3219. Thank you!

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