



# School District of La Farge

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Dear La Farge Schools Community,

**Today, two confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our La Farge Schools student/staff body were reported, bringing our total active case count to 2.**

Any individuals who have been identified as close contacts have already been notified. The individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 and anyone who had close contact with those individuals will not return to the building until authorized by officials from the Vernon County Health Department. If you have not been contacted, it means you/your student was NOT in close contact with any individual with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

**In-person classes for elementary students will continue as will the hybrid model for grades 6 - 12.** You/your student may come to school unless they are feeling sick or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

#### Reminders:

If any member of a student or staff member's household is seeking a COVID-19 test or awaiting results, the student or staff member should not report to school until results are received.

**For test results that are received after regular business hours, please email [gustafsonm@lafarge.k12.wi.us](mailto:gustafsonm@lafarge.k12.wi.us). In some cases, there may be a need to identify close contacts in the evening before the next school day begins.**

The district actively monitors several factors related to the current public health context that inform decisions about shifts in instructional models. These include internal factors such as numbers of active cases of COVID-19, and numbers of individuals on quarantine due to exposures of positive cases or awaiting test results. They also include several measures of county and regional data about positive cases. Links to these data points are available on the COVID-19 page on our [website](#).

**All measures are trending sharply in the wrong direction. If these trends continue, the district will need to look at a shift towards 100% virtual learning at all levels.**

**While every attempt will be made to provide families with a sufficient amount of time to plan, families are strongly encouraged to prepare for the probability of a shift within the next few weeks.**

We anticipated that individuals within our school system could develop symptoms or be diagnosed with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Our intention is to mitigate exposure and that will continue to be our practice. The health, safety, and well-being of our school community remains our top priority. We are following sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the health of our students and staff. We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of wearing fabric face coverings, staying physically distanced from individuals outside of your household, regularly washing your hands, and avoiding large gatherings.

**If you/your child or any other family members are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, please contact the school office. The District needs up to date information in order to help mitigate the risk for our students and staff, and to make shifts in our instructional models as appropriate. All information is kept strictly confidential.**

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates if any further steps are necessary. We are also in frequent contact with the Vernon County Health Department and will take any additional measures necessary to protect the health of our students and staff. If you have questions or need to report a positive or suspected case of COVID-19, please contact the district office.

Sincerely,

Meaghan Gustafson

District Administrator