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Dear La Farge Schools Community,

Today, a confirmed case of COVID-19 among the La Farge Schools staff body was reported, bringing our total active case count to 1.

Due to our current 100% virtual model for students 4K - 12 and the strong adherence to mitigation efforts among our staff, there were no close contacts identified in this situation.

The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will not return to the building until authorized by officials from our local County Health Department(s).

At this time, the district is planning to continue with our 100% virtual model through Friday, December 11, with an intent to return to our "yellow" model on Monday, December 14.

Please continue to communicate with the school if your student develops symptoms, is a close contact to an individual with COVID-19, is seeking a test, or tests positive. We continue to track these numbers, even while students are learning virtually in our red learning model. Your continued help and cooperation help us determine when we can safely return to our yellow learning model. Please note- if someone in your household is awaiting COVID-19 test results, all members of the household should quarantine at home.

Please contact the school office or Nurse Emily (608-625-0122, oiume@lafarge.k12.wi.us) with any questions or concerns. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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.

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