



Barneveld School District

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excellence in education."*

1/28/2021

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

Re: Community Update - Return to In-Person Learning (Elimination of Virtual Wednesdays for 4K-5th Grade)

Greetings Barneveld Families,

As we have continued to monitor the numbers related to Covid-19, Iowa County has seen significant decreases in positivity rates. When viewing updated school guidelines ([link](#)), it has been determined that effective **Monday, February 8, 2021**, students in 4K through 5th Grade can resume in-person 5 days per week. Middle School and High School students will continue to have virtual Wednesdays. We will continue to monitor our state, county, and local data points to guide the decision making process for an eventual return to full in-person learning for all grade levels.

Face Coverings and Distancing:

The state legislature recently passed a bill overturning the "Mask Mandate". Although this is the case, we will continue to follow CDC guidelines and work with the Iowa County Health Department to ensure that we are still engaging in best practices as it relates to mitigating the spread of the virus. This has been incredibly difficult for all of us and we are inching closer to a return to normal. The efforts put forth are working and the sharp decrease in infections is evidence of our collective efforts. As vaccines are being distributed, we again ask for your support during this final stretch. Please continue to practice social distancing, healthy hand hygiene, and wear face coverings - we are almost there!

Vaccination Updates:

The DHS recently released its new plan ([link](#)) as it relates to vaccine distribution. On a positive note, plans are in place and we are actively working with the county and Emergency Management to establish dates, times, and locations for vaccinations. The primary issue at this time is the limited availability of the vaccines. Although a tentative date has been established for March 1st, much of that will depend on availability. As always, we will continue to communicate our efforts throughout this process.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support during the course of this pandemic. It has surely placed many new challenges in all of our lives, but we will come through this together and stronger than ever.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,
Superintendent