



October 26, 2021

Dear Barneveld Families,

This letter is to notify you that 1 individual (student or an employee) at The Barneveld School District has recently tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

Although we must protect the privacy of the person(s) involved, the health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority. The positive individual(s) is/are at home in quarantine and will only be allowed to return once they have met the District release criteria.

**What to Expect:**

If your child had close contact with a person with COVID-19, you will be notified by the Barneveld School District Health Office with special instructions about monitoring symptoms, testing, and how to keep others in your home from getting sick. Please assist with them as they work to investigate and control COVID-19 in our school.

If your child did not have close contact with a person with COVID-19 in our school, you will not receive another notification. As always, we ask that families continue to follow the Department of Health's guidance to limit any spread of the virus. This guidance includes washing hands frequently, keeping 3 feet away from others, wearing a mask or cloth face-covering in public, watching for symptoms of COVID-19, and seeking medical care when sick.

**About COVID-19**

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Most people—especially young people—who get COVID-19 have a mild illness, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others, it can cause severe illness, such as pneumonia. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Chills
- Muscle/body aches
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

**Prevent Further Spread**

The following guidelines will help to prevent further spread of illness at our school:

- Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Notify the school if your child had contact with someone who you know was diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Keep students home from school if they are sick.

- Encourage good habits: frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, use of face coverings in public, and social distancing.

**What you can do to help:**

Please take a moment to speak with your child(ren) about the importance of the mitigation measures in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This includes frequent washing of hands, distancing, and properly worn face coverings when indoors. We understand that this has become a divisive subject and whether you agree with face coverings or not, the expectation is that they are worn properly while in school. In our efforts to protect those who are vulnerable to becoming more seriously ill, we all need to do our part.

Thank you for your continued support in doing everything we can to keep schools open, in-person, and safe for our learning community. Should you have any questions, please contact the school nurse [Chelsea Olday](#) at (608) 924 - 4711 or (608) 341-5108.

Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent