

North Crawford School District



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Dear North Crawford Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. I want to inform everyone of a change in our testing protocols in the district, as well as a reminder of our modified masking matrix going into place next week.

We were informed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services earlier this week that due to a shortage in testing supplies, we are no longer able to continue our Test to Stay program for the time being. Students who are identified as a close contact here at school or in the community will need to quarantine for 5 days, and may return to school on day 6 if they are asymptomatic. Students who test positive will isolate at home for at least 5 days, and can return on day 6 if they are not symptomatic. Students who are symptomatic will be asked to isolate, and recommended to get a test at a testing facility. If the test is negative, and the student is asymptomatic, they can return to school immediately upon receiving the negative test result. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. Our hope is we will get further direction from the state in the near future, and will be able to resume our Test to Stay program. We will keep you informed of further developments with this.

There appears to be some misinformation out there concerning the district's masking status. The district is not necessarily lifting our masking mandate next week. On January 19th, the district will transition to a modified masking matrix, which looks at our three buildings separately, with a threshold of 3% of total students and staff testing positive in the last 7 days. Depending on our positive cases in the district, it is conceivable that one or more of our schools may move to mask optional, while others may remain in a mask mandate. The district will clearly communicate our masking status moving forward from that date. What has not changed is that all staff and students will need to continue masking while on district transportation, regardless of our masking status in the building. This federal order has been extended into at least mid-March.

We appreciate your attention to these changes, and as always, your understanding and flexibility. If you have any questions regarding these modifications, please feel free to reach out directly to me at (608) 735-7203 or via email at bmunson@ncrawford.k12.wi.us, or to School Nurse John Powell at (608) 624-5201 x236 or via email at jwpowell@ncrawford.k12.wi.us. Stay well.

Respectfully,

Brandon Munson, Superintendent