



# Brimley Area Schools

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Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

Based on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are not allowed to disclose names or other potentially identifiable information regarding students or employees who test positive for COVID-19. However, to give more information so that parents can make decisions on whether to continue with in-person education for their students, I have included the grade each student is assigned.

This letter is to inform you that one kindergarten student at Brimley Elementary School, and three 7<sup>th</sup> graders, one 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Brimley Middle/High School, and one employee at Brimley Area Schools have tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently at home in isolation. The district is coordinating closely with the Chippewa County Health Department to assure the health and safety of our community.

Chippewa County Health Department is performing contact tracing and will identify all close contacts (less than 3-6 feet for at least 15 minutes) to these individuals. If you have not been contacted your child is not a close contact of these individuals and therefore your child is not required to quarantine.

Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas will be completed. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and are cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the public health recommendations:

- **Staying home when you are sick.**
- **Practice the 3 Ws:**
  - **Wash your hands (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds)**
  - **Wear a mask**
  - **Watch your distance**
- **Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues.**
- **Continue to socialize responsibly-limit gatherings outside your household**
- **Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms**

As always, we appreciate our community for your support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern.

If you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact me at the above phone number.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.  
Superintendent of Schools