



# Brimley Area Schools

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March 10, 2020

Dear Brimley Area School Families,

On the morning of Tuesday, March 10th Brimley Area Schools became aware of a potential COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) exposure of Bay Mills Indian Community employees. Two BMIC employees were at an out of state conference with an individual who is being tested for the virus. The BMIC employees may have had contact with students and staff at our local Boys and Girls Club. The BMIC employees have NOT had symptoms of COVID-19 at this time, however both were at work on Monday, March 9, 2020. The BMIC staff members have self-quarantined themselves until they receive the results of this individual's test. The Chippewa County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) believe that the risk to students, staff, and visitors is minimal at this time.

We are in close communication with the Chippewa County Health Department and will continue to follow their guidance and recommendations regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Currently, the Chippewa County Health Department and the MDHHS State Epidemiology Department in Lansing are **NOT** recommending that we close school. There are no confirmed or suspected cases in Chippewa County or Michigan, and the risk for COVID-19 remains low for Chippewa County.

We want to remind our school community that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are the same as preventing the cold and flu, and include:

- Frequently washing of your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough with your elbow or tissue.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend the use of facemasks for the general public.

The safety, health, and well-being of our students, staff and school community will, as always, continue to be our priority. We will continue monitoring the development of COVID-19 and plan accordingly in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials.

Please see our school website for further information that has been posted regarding the COVID-19. We will continue to update the site with relevant information as it becomes available.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Reattoir". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.  
Superintendent of Schools