

WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff and Families:

The Waupun Area School District values the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We work throughout the year to promote healthy schools. Safety is always our priority.

As the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) share more information about COVID-19, or the coronavirus, we want you to know that we are regularly in contact with the Fond du Lac/Dodge County Health Department. Our school nurse and school health services staff work alongside school administrators to plan and respond to emerging communicable disease concerns following the guidance of the public health department and CDC recommendations.

Schools are being encouraged to update their pandemic plans given that the CDC is recommending Americans prepare for the likely spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Waupun Area School District is reviewing its plan.

A continued theme from public health officials is that it is currently flu and respiratory disease season and getting vaccinated for influenza, taking everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals, if prescribed, is recommended. CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Help your students to wash their hands well
- Do not send your sick child to school
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Student illness details (e.g., fever, cough) help our nursing staff track trends. When reporting an ill student, please let us know if your child has the flu or symptoms of another illness as this helps us monitor illness trends and implement appropriate prevention steps. Here is a list of our sick day guidelines below:

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FEVER - Depending on how your child feels he/she may attend school with a temperature less than 100 degrees F. A student should be without a fever for 24 hours (**without fever reducing medication** ie: Tylenol, Advil) before returning to school.

STOMACHACHE, VOMITING, DIARRHEA - A child with vomiting and/or diarrhea should be kept at home until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours and the child is able to keep in food and liquid.

INFECTION AND ON ANTIBIOTICS - (i.e. respiratory infection) Children are no longer considered contagious after 12 hours of antibiotics, depending on how your child feels they may return to school.

RASH - If you child has an unusual rash or it is associated with a fever, keep your child home until you have discussed the rash with your Health Care Provider.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE: strep throat, impetigo, bacterial pinkeye, may return after 12 hours of treatment with antibiotic.

NUISANCE DISEASES: head lice, scabies, ringworm - must be treated before returning to school.

CHICKEN POX: child may return to school 5-7 days after onset of rash, with all sores dry and scabbed over.

Links below to the Centers for Disease Control information about COVID-19:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and changing. We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We plan to keep you informed as needed. We encourage you to contact the district school nurse or local public health department if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Student Health Services of the Waupun Area School District

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