

# WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Acting together to maximize every student's potential.**

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Dear Staff and Families:

The Waupun Area School District hopes this message finds you well. We are most appreciative of Dodge and Fond du Lac Health Services, SSM Health, and our local government entities as we continue to respond to the frequently updated information regarding COVID-19. On Thursday, I met with local officials to exchange information and discuss a shared response from the Waupun Community. Our community is doing a great job of sharing information and responding to information regarding COVID-19.

As the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local health agencies continue to update our district regarding COVID-19, or the coronavirus, we want you to know that we are working diligently as the safety and well-being of our students, and community is our top priority.

The Waupun Area School District has actively been planning a response if schools are required to close. Our district is in a lower risk area, according to government agencies. However, information changes rapidly, and we are actively monitoring the situation to ensure we stay on top of the latest news. We will continue to work with our county health care services to determine if schools would need to be closed based on information as it becomes available. We understand the impact this action would have on our families and community, and as such, we will not make that decision without input from local resources.

Questions have arisen regarding personal spring break travel. We understand that some families are traveling during spring break, and we wish you safe travels. At this time, Wisconsin State Department of Health Services recommends that people who travel to places where there is community spread of COVID-19 (international and domestic locations) self-quarantine and monitor themselves for symptoms 14 days upon return. Please contact the school if this occurs. We also wish for you to be respectful if you have traveled anywhere and monitor yourself for any symptoms. The health of our district and community depends on everyone being responsible.

The Waupun Area School District has canceled all activities that would bring outside persons into our buildings before-school, after-school, or on the weekend until further notice. We determined that allowing outside groups into our buildings does not allow us the time to clean our facilities thoroughly. We have increased our sanitation protocols in an effort to keep our schools COVID-19 free.

As a parent of children in schools, I found the following information helpful in speaking with my children regarding COVID-19. Guidance from the [National Association of School Psychologists](#) might give you the tools to talk to your children.

For the most up to date information, visit the following:

[Fond du Lac County Health Department](https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-f-m/health-department) - <https://www.fdlco.wi.gov/departments/departments-f-m/health-department>

Dodge County Health Services - <https://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/government/departments-e-m/human-services-health-department>

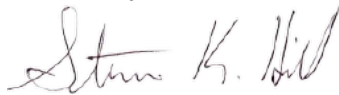
Wisconsin Department of Health Services - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 Information <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Please view our website, as we will update it with information as it becomes available. Email any questions to [Covid19@waupun.k12.wi.us](mailto:Covid19@waupun.k12.wi.us), and we will respond as quickly as possible. Questions and responses may be put on our district website to share with the community.

The Waupun Area School District has faith in our civic institutions to guide us through these times. There will be challenges and opportunities as events unfold, and we will do our best to continue delivering exceptional education to our students. We are your Waupun Area School District.

Sincerely,



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