

Dear Bangor Families,

The La Crosse County Health Department held a press conference at 11:00 am this morning, March 18. During the press conference, it was shared that there are two individuals from La Crosse County who have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals are from two different households and are in the process of being interviewed. The interview process is a standard process of investigation for any communicable disease. La Crosse County said after their investigation, they will be in communication with individuals who may have been exposed.

Now knowing there is community spread in Wisconsin and more importantly in La Crosse County, it is recommended to “Stay Home,” as this protects those in our community. Other steps you can take to protect yourself and others are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Seasonal Influenza (Flu) is very active in Wisconsin. Families should take precautions to avoid influenza by following the instructions listed above and by considering getting a flu shot if they have not already.

Also, yesterday Governor Evers directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue an agency order prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 people or more to slow the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, that schools will be closed for the duration of the public health emergency. With this unprecedented situation, we do not know the length of time of the public health emergency and the School District of Bangor will continue the current plan we have in place until we have further information. Thank you.

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