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Dr. Paul J. Orlich – District Administrator  
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Dear Mishicot parents and guardians,

With school starting next week, the purpose of this letter is to highlight our COVID protocols as well as share how we will communicate any positive COVID cases and those who had contact with someone who tested positive. As we navigate this trying time, it is essential that all of us do our part in minimizing the spread of this illness. Only through our joint efforts will we have the best opportunity to continue to provide in-person instruction.

As a reminder, face masks/facial coverings are required to gain admittance to one of our schools as well as a requirement to utilize district transportation. Please speak with your student regarding this requirement prior to leaving for school or getting on the bus. It is also important for you to keep your student home when they are not feeling well. We encourage you to contact your health care provider to discuss any concerns and keep them home from school if they are symptomatic or have been tested for COVID-19 (while waiting for results). Your student is considered symptomatic if they have one of the symptoms marked with a (\*) or two of the other symptoms above baseline for them:

- Cough\*, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing\*, New loss of taste or smell\*
- Congestion or running nose
- Fever\* or chills
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat

It is our goal to be as transparent as possible regarding any potential positive cases should they occur within our schools. If there is a positive case within a building, we will notify all parents of students and staff from that building that there has been a positive case via messenger. In terms of individual parent contact, we will ONLY be contacting student families and staff who are considered by the health department to have had a “close contact” with the positive case. Typically, individuals who have had contact with a person who tested positive will also have a follow-up contact from the health department within 24 hours after being notified by the school.

Attached you will find [Returning to School after COVID-19, Information for Parents and Guardians](#) from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This document includes information regarding symptoms, what to do if someone in your household becomes positive, and a list of resources available to you.

Yours in Education,

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Superintendent