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Greetings Wildcat Families-

I am excited to begin the new school year at LaFarge School District. I would like to introduce myself as your new School Nurse. I work through Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital in Hillsboro to provide nursing services on site at school every day. I am looking forward to working with each family to keep your child(ren) healthy and safe! Below are a few key items I would like to point out regarding the new school year and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- We need your help to keep all of our students and staff safe and healthy this year. At this time, we are asking all families to do a daily symptom screening before sending your child to school. This includes a daily temperature screening to make sure their temperature is below 100.4 fahrenheit. Please see the attached checklist which indicates potential symptoms of COVID-19. Please note that if your child develops these symptoms while at school, the parent or guardian may be contacted for immediate pick up. Now more than ever, it's critical that we have updated contact information for guardians, as well as emergency contacts.
 - If your child has an underlying medical condition (ie: seasonal allergies causing a cough) please notify myself or the school office so that we are aware of the condition and will take that into consideration while determining the need for absences.
- Many potential situations may arise regarding illness, extended absences, requests to pick up children, etc. We are preparing and working with the Vernon County Health Department (VCHD) to address each of these situations. As each potential illness and contact exposure is unique, different guidelines and requests will be advised for different situations. These guidelines and time frames may change throughout the year as well. I will be in contact with families of ill students to help them determine quarantine recommendations and testing criteria based on the most current guidelines.

- You may be contacted throughout the school year by myself or one of the Registered Nurses at the VCHD to discuss your child's health and potential exposures. In the event of a positive COVID-19 case or exposure, we will be providing you with guidance on health management, monitoring, and quarantine instructions.
- Remember- this is a pandemic. It's the first time for all of us, and we're all in this together. The school year will look different as many activities and events will be modified, changed, or cancelled. This is a time when we can all teach our children how to respond to adversity and challenges. Please help us reduce the stigma of contracting COVID-19. A virus does not discriminate, and it can happen to anyone.
- If your child must remain at home, but is well enough to continue learning, please contact the principal to switch your student to the virtual learning format.

We understand that this is a stressful time for all families in our district. As we navigate these uncertain times together, please continue to keep flexibility and clear communication with the school a priority so that we can keep all of our students and staff safe and healthy!

Emily Oium
La Farge School Nurse
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Health Screening Checklist

COVID-19 Health Screening Checklist for CHILDREN

Person conducting screening should maintain 6 feet of distance from child while asking questions. Questions should be posed to parents of small children; children old enough to understand and answer for themselves may be asked directly. Tool intended to assist programs to screen for COVID-19, but should not replace other communicable disease screening tools or protocols for school programs.

Part 1

	YES	NO
Has your child been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or was diagnosed with COVID-19 in last 14 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a health care provider in the last 10 days?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your child developed any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours?		
• Cough	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Shortness of breath/trouble breathing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• New loss or sense of taste or smell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Has your child taken medication in past 24 hours to lower temperature (Tylenol, ibuprofen)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**If YES to any question in Part 1, the child should be sent home.
If NO to all questions in Part 1, proceed to Part 2.**

Part 2

Has your child developed any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours?

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unusual fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscle or body aches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nausea (<i>sick to stomach</i>) or vomiting▲	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) or chills (<i>would indicate fever</i>) ▲	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Runny nose or nasal congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea▲	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



If YES to 2 or MORE questions in Part 2, child should be sent home.

If YES to 0 or 1 question(s) in Part 2, child may remain at facility.

Child to be sent home

- Record child's name, symptoms, and the date symptoms started in your illness log/line list.
- Child should be **immediately sent home** to isolate and should be tested for COVID-19.

Child may remain at facility

Child should wash (or sanitize) hands before having contact with other children or staff.

▲ Vomiting, diarrhea, and fever—alone or together—should exclude a child from school. However, they do not necessarily indicate the need to test for COVID-19 or for COVID-19 isolation.