



Barneveld School District

10/1/2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have recently been notified that a student or an employee at Barneveld school has recently tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. This virus is transmitted through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Persons within six feet for more than 15 minutes are considered *Close Contacts* and are at increased risk of developing this infection. A person who is a *Close Contact* with someone during their potential infectious period is required to self-quarantine for at least 14-days after the most recent contact.

You are receiving this letter because your child has shared a classroom or other gathering space with the individual who was in close contact with someone who has tested positive. The Iowa County Health Department is conducting a full investigation with this individual and if it is determined that your child is identified as a **Close Contact**, you will be notified.

Although we must protect the privacy of the person involved, the health and safety of our staff and students is a top priority. We are providing you with the following information to help you make a well-informed decision for your family:

School Name: Barneveld School

Date of last attendance of diagnosed individual: **Monday, September 28th, 2020**

Monitor for symptoms and quarantine through: **Monday, October 12th, 2020**

We have implemented the CDC recommended protocols for positive cases in schools. This includes temporary closure and thorough disinfection of all potentially affected rooms and surfaces. The Barneveld School District and the Iowa County Health Department has been in contact with the individual and will contact anyone who has been deemed a **Close Contact**. Students and staff will remain in home-quarantine and will only be allowed to return once they have met the State of Wisconsin release criteria.

If your child exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you keep him/her home and seek the advice of your medical provider immediately **and** contact the school nurse so she can work with you and your medical provider in determining an appropriate date for your student to return to school. Some symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, new cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, or loss of taste or smell. Symptoms typically start to appear 2-14 days after exposure.

We are continuing to assess this situation and will provide follow-up communications as it relates to a healthy and safe return to school.

Thank you again for your understanding and continued support of the Barneveld community and School District.

Sincerely,

Joseph Price, Superintendent