



October 10, 2020

Dear Families,

This letter is to notify you that a student or an employee at Barneveld school has recently tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. Upon news of the positive result, we worked with the Iowa County Health Department to quickly identify, notify, and quarantine anyone who may have come into close contact with the individual and who may be at risk of getting sick. At the guidance of the Health Department, we have moved those students and staff deemed as “close contacts” to remote learning for a period of time.

As a result of our efforts to keep our elementary classrooms self-contained in cohorts and separate from one another, the Iowa County Health Department has determined that all other students and staff may continue with face-to-face instruction.

**What to Expect:**

If your child had close contact with a person with COVID-19, you will be notified by the Iowa County Health Department with special instructions about monitoring symptoms, testing, and how to keep others in your home from getting sick. Please assist with them as they work to investigate and control COVID-19 in our school.

If your child did not have close contact with a person with COVID-19 in our school, you will not receive another letter. As always, we ask that families continue to follow the Department of Health’s guidance to limit any spread of the virus. This guidance includes washing hands frequently, keeping 6 feet away from others, wearing a mask or cloth face-covering in public, watching for symptoms of COVID-19, and seeking medical care when sick.

**About COVID-19**

COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Most people—especially young people—who get COVID19 have a mild illness, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others, it can cause severe illness, such as pneumonia. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Chills
- Muscle/body aches
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

The CDC's website has good information about COVID-19: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

## **Prevent Further Spread**

The following guidelines will help to prevent further spread of illness at our school:

- Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Notify the school if your child had contact with someone who you know was diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Keep students home from school if they are sick.
- Encourage good habits: frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, use of face coverings in public, and social distancing.

Thank you again for your understanding and continued support of the Barneveld School District. Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent