



# School District of La Farge

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Dear La Farge Schools Community,

**Today, a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our La Farge Schools student/staff body was reported by the Vernon County Health Department, bringing our total active case count up to 1. All individuals who have been identified as close contacts have already been notified. The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and anyone who had close contact with that individual will not return to the building until authorized by officials from the Vernon County Health Department.**

If you have not been contacted, it means you/your student was NOT in close contact with any individual with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis. **In-person classes for elementary students and district staff will resume on Monday, November 9, and our 6-12 grade will continue to learn in their hybrid model with their next in-person day on Tuesday, November 10. (Friday, November 6 was a pre-planned No School day for students).** You/your student may come to school unless they are feeling sick or exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.

We anticipated that individuals within our school system could develop symptoms or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Our intention is to mitigate exposure and that will continue to be our practice. The health, safety, and well-being of our school community remains our top priority. We are following sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect the health of our students and staff. We also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of wearing fabric face coverings, staying physically distanced from individuals outside of your household, regularly washing your hands, and avoiding large gatherings.

The primary symptoms of COVID-19 include shortness of breath, coughing, and fever or chills. Other symptoms include congestion, sore throat, diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea, headache, body aches, and loss of taste or smell. Anyone who needs medical attention should call their healthcare provider to report an illness or exposure to someone with COVID-19 prior to seeking care.

If you/your child or any other family members are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, please contact the school office. The District needs up to date information in order to help mitigate the risk for our students and staff, and to make shifts in our instructional models as appropriate. All information is kept strictly confidential.

We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide you with updates if any further steps are necessary. We are also in frequent contact with the Vernon County Health Department and will take any additional measures necessary to protect the health of our students and staff. If you have questions or need to report a positive or suspected case of COVID-19, please contact the district office or the Vernon County Health Department.

More information about La Farge Schools' COVID-19 response can be found here:  
<https://www.lafarge.k12.wi.us/page/covid-19-information>

Sincerely,

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