

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'm writing to keep you updated with the most recent information regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our district continues to track and monitor illness rates of students within our schools, and we maintain communication with Winnebago County Public Health Department. Our staff continues to stress hand washing and cough etiquette, and we work diligently to keep our facilities clean and sanitized. We regularly update our [Health Services page](#) on our district website for more information and resources on COVID-19.

At this time, there is one confirmed case in Wisconsin, and the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains low (CDC). The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (State Lab) announced on March 2nd, that the lab is now conducting tests for the COVID-19 virus. The City of Milwaukee Health Department laboratory also has the capability to perform this test. Positive test results identified by both labs will be presumed positive and will also be sent to the CDC for confirmation.

If your family plans to travel out of the country for spring break, the CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China, Iran, South Korea and Italy, due to the potential high risk of exposure. And as a precautionary measure, the CDC has developed [travel advisories](#) for those traveling out of the country. In addition, the DHS recommends travelers returning from countries with a Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice follow the [voluntary self-quarantine and self-monitoring guidance](#).

Currently, there are no vaccines available to protect against this virus; and there are no specific treatments. Wisconsin DHS recommends the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The following are ways to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating and after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If you do not have soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Sincerely,

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