

PANDEMIC RESPONSE TEAM UPDATES

We thank you for attending the Town Hall meeting on Thursday night. As we prepare for the Christmas break, we are asking you to maintain the same high level of compliance that you did during Thanksgiving break. Our greatest desire is to continue with our in-person teaching and learning by coming back on January 4th and we need your collaboration to make that happen.

Please be reminded of the following:

- We appreciate your honest efforts! *YOU* are helping all of us safely move forward. Let's keep it up!
- Be mindful of your mingling during Christmas. Having gatherings with your immediate family, the people whom you reside with, is highly encouraged.
- If you do have large family gatherings and you are unable to maintain physical distance or wear masks around the people who you gather with, it is important that you quarantine as a precaution and monitor symptoms.
- Keep in mind that we should all behave as if we have the virus to keep those who you gather with safe. You might be (unknowingly) an asymptomatic positive individual for the virus or you may be unknowingly positive, but experiencing "mild cold" symptoms and you could pass it on to someone who does become severely ill. Conversely, you should behave as though those who you are gathering with have the virus as well. Lastly, having antibodies from back in the earlier months of this virus does not preclude anyone from getting it again and spreading it to other people.
- You are discouraged from traveling to designated hotspots, however if you do choose to travel you will need to quarantine after travel.
- **New travel guidelines have been adapted by the Madison Health Department that we were made aware of on Friday afternoon.** The 10 day quarantine period after travel for school aged children has been approved ***if the child is asymptomatic***. That means they must be free of **ALL** COVID-Like symptoms ***with or without a fever***. If they become symptomatic at any time during their 10 day quarantine, they **cannot return to school**. ***Please call the school nurse for further guidance.***
- **Day one starts the day after you return and your child can return to school on day 11.** *They cannot return on or before day 10 with a negative COVID test. There are NO exceptions.*
- The quarantine for exposure to someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis remains to be 14 days from the last exposure to that person.
- **Day one would be the day after an individual's last exposure and the person can resume normal activities if they remain asymptomatic on day 15.** There are NO exceptions.

We rely on you to abide by these guidelines to **help us** on our way toward coming back to full in-person learning on January 19th. Otherwise, we have the potential for the need to have certain classes go remote in the "best case" scenario, or the entire school in the worst case scenario for a period of time if we start to have cases increase at school.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us move towards the next phase. There is **nothing** we want more than to put this virus behind us!