



SCHOOL DISTRICT of BAYFIELD

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Dear Bayfield School District Families,

We work throughout the year to promote a healthy school environment. At this time, District leadership is continuing to meet to discuss our school district preparedness plan to assure we are ready to respond to increased illness or cases of Coronavirus, should we experience that. If we have a situation of significantly increased illness, or if there were local cases of COVID-19, we will work closely with local Departments of Health Services and will follow and adhere to their directions.

Please note, parents and guardians should work closely with office staff about absences due to illness. Student illness details (e.g. symptoms, duration, and if they have tested positive for an illness) help us track trends. There may be some instances when a student's illness triggers an attendance form letter. Please know that while we are also mandated to track attendance closely, that the health of your child (and of others) takes precedence. If you have specific questions about an attendance letter, please talk to your building principal.

While much attention has been paid to COVID-19, seasonal influenza and other respiratory viruses are common in Wisconsin this time of year. We encourage you to talk to your students about ways to stay healthy. This includes washing your hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when you are sick. Health officials are recommending that all vaccinations are up to date. It is also not too late for your family to get their flu shots.

The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and changing. We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We will continue to update families with new information or guidance as it is made available. We encourage you to contact the Bayfield District Nurse, Superintendent, Red Cliff Community Health Center or the Public Health Department if you have further questions.

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