



4/25/22

Dear Troller Community,

Public Health has identified an outbreak in the elementary of the Bayfield School. Originally the cases were contained in the lower elementary. As cases declined in those grades we began to see cases pop up in the 3-5 grades affecting both staff and students.

Due to these circumstances, **effective immediately** masks will be required in grades K-5 and for all students and staff on the buses. We will evaluate case numbers at the end of every week to guide the decision for the following week.

Both Red Cliff Community Health and Bayfield County Health agree Middle and High School do not warrant a mask requirement at this time.

If having cold, flu or COVID symptoms (see below) stay home and arrange to get a COVID test.

- Cough (new onset or worsening of chronic cough)
- Shortness of breath
- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

Students should stay home until feeling better for at least 24 hours.



Due to the high volume of some contact tracing efforts we can no longer call every household with notification of close contact to a positive COVID case.

If your child is identified as a close contact of a positive COVID case at school they will be given a letter to take home to you. This letter will instruct each family with whatever next steps fit your circumstance. Students are being instructed to share this information with you.

If you have any questions please contact the Health Office, Nurse Jackie at ext: 143 or Nurse Assistant Angela Berg at ext: 145.

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4/12/22

Dear families,

Public Health has identified an outbreak in the lower elementary of the Bayfield School. There are currently three staff and one student connected to the outbreak. Public Health is monitoring the situation and recommending that students and staff that may be affected wear a mask.

Due to these circumstances, **effective immediately** masks will be required in grades K-2 and for all students and staff on the buses. Grades 3-5 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask during this time. This requirement will remain in effect until at least April 22, 2022.

If your student is having cold, flu or COVID symptoms (see below) keep them home and arrange to get a COVID test.

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If your student has symptoms or just returned from travel, consider getting a COVID test. Testing can be done at school.

Here is the link to pre-register: [COVID Connect](#)

From the weekly Bayfield County report: “Local nursing staff and the WI Dept. of Health are both noticing that the rapid tests are less likely to test for the new Omicron B variant in individuals with lower viral loads early on in the disease stage, so if you do have children ill with COVID like symptoms, we recommend considering a PCR test rather than just the rapid test.”

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COVID numbers are currently being reported as low in our area.



There does seem to be a stomach bug going around so be on the alert for unusual stomach aches, vomiting and diarrhea. Kids need to stay home for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

NEED A COVID TEST AT SCHOOL?

How to Register for a rapid COVID-19 Test at School

For *STUDENTS, STAFF & VISITORS*

Complete this online form at <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/>

If you are registering someone other than yourself be sure to type in their information *NOT* your own.

You will be notified by text message when your results are available. There will be two main ways to access test results:

1. An email message, including a secure link to your child's test result, will be sent to the address on file. You can view and print all test results from this secure link.
2. If you do not have email, your school staff will contact you by phone. You can also request a printed copy of your test result.

Results are typically available in 15-30 minutes.

FIND MORE TESTING INFORMATION AT:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm

2/25/22

Dear Troller Families,

The District is welcoming the COVID Clinic Inc. team in joining our testing efforts here at school. They will be assisting us by providing rapid antigen testing to staff and students that need it. COVID Clinic will be set up next to the Bayfield School Health Office from 8:00-2:00, Monday through Friday.

When your child needs a test you can [register here](#) to sign them up. Answer the survey questions to the best of your ability. You can disregard the choice of a location piece, the location will be Bayfield School. School staff can assist as needed with registration if there is consent on file.

COVID Clinic staff members will inform you of your results via phone or email. A rapid antigen test takes 15 minutes. All positive results will immediately be sent to our District Nurse. After being notified of positive results, she will contact you to discuss your positive test results and review the COVID-19 protocols as well as answer any questions you may have.

2/25/22

Dear Troller Families,

Starting next week Bayfield School District will launch a new program, Test To Stay, authorized by the Wisconsin Department of Health and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Test-to-Stay

Test-to-Stay combines contact tracing and serial testing (repeated testing during a 7-day period post-exposure) to allow asymptomatic non-household close contacts who are either not able to be vaccinated or are not up to date on recommended COVID-19 vaccinations and do not test positive for COVID-19 to continue in-person learning. Because close contacts who are up-to-date on recommended COVID-19 vaccinations are not required to quarantine following exposure, they would not be included in Test-to-Stay. Schools may consider Test-to-Stay as an option for keeping asymptomatic close contacts who are not up-to-date on recommended COVID-19 vaccinations and do not test positive for COVID-19 in the classroom as an alternative to traditional quarantine at home. Students who participate in Test-to-Stay can remain in school and do not have to quarantine, as long as:

- Both the index case and school-based close contact were correctly and consistently masked during the entire exposure.
- The close contact is and remains asymptomatic.
- The close contact wears a well-fitting mask in school at all times, other than when eating or drinking, through day 10 after exposure.
- The close contact tests negative at least twice* during the 7-day period after exposure. Wait to test until day 3 or 4 after exposure as virus levels may be too low to detect before then. Test again on day 5, 6, or 7 after exposure.

*For close contacts that were notified of their exposure 5-10 days after last contact, only one negative test result is needed to participate in Test-to-Stay as long as the first three bullets are true for the close contact.

Close contacts should adhere to tribal/local public health quarantine guidance outside of the K-12 school setting. If the close contact develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, they should isolate immediately and get tested. For more information on Test-to-Stay programs, see the CDC recommendations.

School District of Bayfield UPDATED Covid Protocols

INDIVIDUAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

ISOLATE AT HOME:

Follow orders from public/tribal health, return on Day 6 if asymptomatic.

CLOSE CONTACT: POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL IN HOUSEHOLD

NOT up-to-date:

Quarantine for duration of positive family member's isolation period, then return to school with Test to Stay Option.

Up-to-date:

May attend school/work as long as no symptoms develop. Test at Day 5.



ASYMPTOMATIC CLOSE CONTACT

NOT Up-to-date:

Test to Stay Option: Testing provided onsite at district on days 3 & 6 and individual **MUST** wear a mask at all times other than eating and drinking.

No Test Option: Return to school on Day 6 (and test upon return) provided you are asymptomatic and continue to monitor symptoms.

ASYMPTOMATIC CLOSE CONTACT

Up-to-date:

Test at Day 5 after exposure. May attend school/work with a mask as long as you are asymptomatic and continue to monitor symptoms.

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have followed the current recommendations. The recommendations will be different depending on your age, your health status, and when you first got vaccinated. Close contacts should adhere to local tribal/county quarantine guidance outside of the K-12 school setting. If the close contact develops symptoms of Covid-19 at any time, they should isolate immediately and get tested. These protocols were developed based on current CDC guidelines and may be adjusted as guidelines are updated.

How to Register for a COVID-19 Test

A Parents' Guide

Your child's school offers access to COVID-19 testing, which helps keep school open for in-person education by identifying and containing the spread of COVID-19. The information below will help you prepare for your child's test.

How do I register my child for a COVID-19 test?

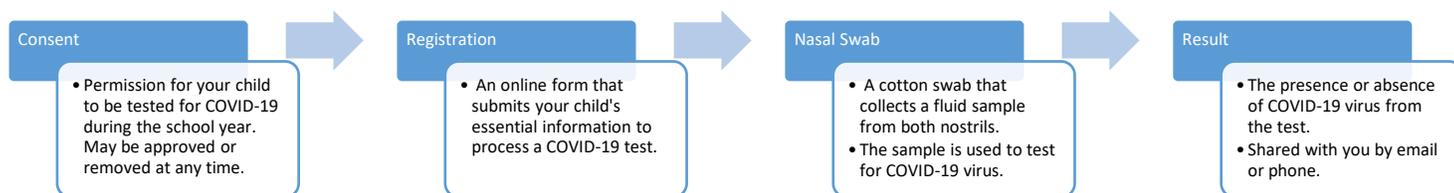
All testing begins with your consent. Complete and submit a COVID-19 consent form to your school.

You can register your child each week by completing this online form: register.covidconnect.wi.gov. If you do not have an email address, use FIRSTNAME.LASTNAME@noemail.com and the school testing staff will contact you with test results by phone.

If you have not registered your child in advance for a test, your school testing staff will complete a simple registration for your child using information from school files and your signed consent form. This information includes, but is not limited to:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Contact information (phone, email and address)
- Demographic information (gender, race and ethnicity)
- Symptom status

What are the four major steps to my child's COVID-19 test?



Your school's testing staff can help explain more about the testing process, including the type of test that they are using. Please be aware that if your child feels sick, they will be separated from other children in the school's isolation room.

How will I receive my child's test results?

You will be notified by text message when your results are available. There will be two main ways to access test results:

1. An email message, including a secure link to your child's test result, will be sent to the address on file. You can view and print all test results from this secure link.
2. If you do not have email, your school testing staff will contact you by phone. You can also request a printed copy of your test result.

Test results are typically available in 24-48 hours, though some results may be available as fast as 15-30 minutes. While the process cannot be rushed, everyone is working to have results as soon as possible.

While waiting for test results, please continue use best health practices, like isolating at home, if you or your child are currently experiencing symptoms. Learn more at COVID-19: Health Kids: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/kids.htm

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Thank you for helping to protect the health of your child and community!