



March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

While there are still few confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, the number of cases nationally continues to grow. The Rock County Department of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Public Health, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction tell us that now is the best time to act in ways that slow the spread.

We sent a communication out last Friday to inform you on the district's response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, Wisconsin has reported additional positive cases of COVID-19 connected to domestic travel. **At this time, all school sponsored events, community events on school grounds and district facility use are cancelled until further notice. Athletic and activities practices will be held as scheduled.** Because the risk of infection in our area is still low, our health partners have not directed us to close schools at this time.

The following is a statement from Louise Wilson, School Nursing and Health Services Consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:

As you can tell this is a very fluid situation and as more testing is done the expectation is that more positive cases of COVID-19 will be identified. . . State and local public health departments are working to determine at what levels and for what reasons they would ask school districts to close. These agencies are well aware of the ramifications of closing schools and the impact on students, staff, parents and communities. Closures may be for short periods of time to allow for cleaning, or for more extended periods of time to break the cycle of disease transmission.

Experts agree that following spring break travel, it is likely COVID-19 will spread further throughout our nation. We are asking families to please follow the [CDC's guidance](#) for out-of-state travel and prepare for possible closures in the coming weeks ahead. Health officials point out that recommendations may change quickly during the course of any viral outbreak. The district administration team and school nurse will continue to work with state and local health officials to monitor the situation and we will continue to communicate updates regarding the COVID-19 and the district's response plan.

The District is committed to disinfecting all school buildings daily. Please continue to keep your students home if they are ill, practice and encourage good handwashing, and cover coughs and sneezes. Please see the attachment as well as our [District Website](#) for additional information.

All questions should be directed to District Administrator, Jerry Roth, 608-882-3386.

Sincerely,

Jerry Roth
District Administrator