

WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Staff, Students and Families,

Win-E-Mac School has been notified of a lab confirmed positive COVID-19 person in our school community. When working with Polk County Public Health (PCPH) we have determined that the risk of exposure at our school is low, and we wish the individual a speedy recovery.

We worked with PCPH to identify those who had close contact with the positive case and have already communicated with them individually, providing instructions on next steps. If you or your family did not receive a phone call from the school, you were not deemed a close contact. Case specifics are confidential, only those needing to know specific information were given any details. Close contacts do not get any case specific details. A *close contact is someone that has been within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more throughout the day.* The risk of exposure for other individuals present at school on that date is no greater than the risk of contracting the virus in the community.

We understand this may create unease in our school community. We have taken action to clean and sanitize the facility and are working closely with PCPH to monitor the situation. We are asking all members of our school community to minimize the spread of illness by taking the following actions:

- Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often with soap and water; cover your cough and sneeze, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you are sick, stay home from school and other activities.
- Frequently clean all commonly touched surfaces (e.g., telephones, doorknobs, countertops, etc.)
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more as much as possible.
- Wear a face mask or face covering that is double layered fabric.

If you start to feel ill, stay home and away from other household members. It is recommended you call your healthcare provider to be tested for COVID-19. Stay home until all these things are true:

- It has been 10 days since you first felt sick.
- You have not had a fever for the last 24 hours, without using fever reducing medicine.
- Symptoms have improved.

If your household contacts were exposed to you while you had symptoms, it is recommended they stay home for 14 days, monitor their health, and contact their medical provider for recommended COVID-19 testing.

If you or your family feel ill, take the appropriate actions to protect our school community, seek medical attention and we encourage you to report any COVID-19 health update to Amy or Heidi at 218-563-2900

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Amy Van Den Einde, RN, Licensed School Nurse at Win-E-Mac

Heidi Strom, Health Aide at Win-E-Mac

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