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Hello Families,

With the holidays coming up, I know that many of us have travel plans. I am asking families that have to travel to please follow the guidelines outlined below. The CDC recommends not to travel at all if it can be avoided. I recognize that this might not be avoidable so please remember to social distance, wear face coverings and wash hands frequently. Our goal is to start back up on January 4th, 2021 but that will depend on the number of COVID cases in our schools. Thanks for your consideration and help. We will get through this, but we need everyone to do their part!

Recently, we have been notified of positive cases of COVID-19 within each of our buildings, all close contacts have been notified. Those who have tested positive will be excluded from school buildings until they have been determined to be no longer infectious by their local health department. We have coordinated with the students, family and Burnett County Public Health Department in contact tracing. There are several families and individuals that are named as a close contact, each of the families have been contacted and will be quarantined as directed.

COVID-19 is a virus that is spread even before individuals show symptoms. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Thus, it is very important for all students, family members and staff members to closely watch for symptoms that are outside of their "normal", and to stay home if they are ill. If symptoms occur, please contact your medical provider to request testing.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

Coughing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, fever, body aches, sore throat, chills, headache, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Please remember to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- 1. Stay home when ill.
- 2. Wear a face covering when in public if physically able.
- 3. Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- 4. Clean frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, etc.
- 5. Limit unnecessary travel, events, or large gatherings.

We all need to continue to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to keep our students and staff members safe. Please contact Julie Steiner at 715-866-4281 or jsteiner@webster.k12.wi.us for further information.

Thank you,

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