



LAKE OF THE WOODS
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A Message from Superintendent Nelson

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During times of high levels of community transmission, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that schools use exclusion with evaluations and testing even for people who are experiencing only one less common symptom. MDH defines “high levels of community transmission” as greater than 10 cases per 10,000. For the last five weeks, Lake of the Woods County 14-day case rate per 10,000 has ranged from a low of 23.63 to a high of 47.26.

Based on our county data and recommendations from local public health, the school will be excluding staff and students from school when they are exhibiting one of the less common symptoms. Less common symptoms consistent with COVID-19 include sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, muscle pain, excessive fatigue, new onset of severe headache, new onset of nasal congestion or runny nose. More common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, new onset and/or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell.

We understand that this can upset the daily routine of the household, for places of employment, and lives of our students. Our goal is to deliver the best education possible to all of our students. During this pandemic, we feel the best way to accomplish this is by keeping our current learning model and having students in school as much as possible. We can only accomplish this by avoiding a COVID-19 outbreak within our school community. We will continue to work closely with our local public health as we work through this challenging time.

Take care and stay safe!