

Dear District Families,

Today we are closing out our sixth week of school. On behalf of our district staff, I would like to thank you for your continued vigilance in staying healthy and making arrangements to keep your students home when they are not feeling well. Due to your on-going diligence, we have been able to continue in our current learning models at all our district sites. With that being said, we would like to update you with the latest Carver County case numbers. The county numbers are at 15.9 COVID-19 cases per 10,000 people. This number is up from 15.0 last week. Here is a link to our last seven weeks of county numbers. [Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County \(PDF\)](#) and [State Cases in Pre-K-Grade 12 Buildings by County](#)

MDH is recommending that if a student tests positive for COVID 19 and has been in the classroom, districts would then quarantine classrooms or small groups at a time in order to reduce the risk of transmission within a school. The goal of this action is to keep a consistent learning environment for most students.

Please keep in mind that there are multiple scenarios that could occur that would cause a pivot to a more restrictive learning model. A decision to change the learning model school-wide would be in consultation with our regional COVID team, county health officials, and district leadership teams. Listed below are a few scenarios that could impact learning models in our district, schools, and/or classrooms.

- An increase to our county numbers or significant spread in the local community.
- An outbreak or a cluster of individuals testing positive for COVID 19 either in the community or within the school.
- A number of staff who need to quarantine for 14 days due to an exposure in the school or community. If we do not have staff that are able to perform the essential functions of their jobs, we may not be able to adequately staff our buildings. We have a limited amount of substitute teachers that we can access in the event that many staff would need to quarantine.

We ask that you continue to prepare for these potential scenarios. This website may be helpful: [Make a Plan Minnesota](#).

Spectators at athletic events

Our first varsity football game takes place tonight (Friday). Admission is limited to the MDH health requirements. No admission will be allowed to those who do not have a purchased ticket. Watertown-Mayer is allocated 175 tickets, and our visiting team is provided with 75 tickets. The game can be viewed online at [Watertown Mayer LiveStreaming](#)

The Minnesota State High School League announced on Thursday that spectators will be allowed to attend indoor events such as volleyball as long as certain guidelines are met. We are working on establishing procedures for spectators for these games, and will have a plan by early next week.

Go Royals!

Darren Schuler
Superintendent