



November 10, 2020

Dear Families,

This letter is to inform you that a student at the LeRoy-Ostrander Elementary School has tested positive for Covid-19. We are coordinating our efforts with the Mower County Public Health Department to promptly identify and monitor individuals who have had recent contact with the Covid-19 positive individual to prevent further spread within our school community. The health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving virus pandemic. We are following guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Health for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

**To prevent further spread of the virus, all the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers are required to quarantine for 14 days. The quarantine needs to start immediately on November 10, 2020 and will continue through November 22, 2020. Students and staff can return to school on November 23, 2020.**

**It is highly recommended that parents/guardians consider testing their child. If a test would come back negative, the student must still remain in quarantine. If a positive case is returned, please contact the school district immediately. The positive case data is needed so the school district can promptly contact trace.**

**Additionally, on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, classes are cancelled for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Academic direction will be sent to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on Thursday, November 12, 2020.**

The school district will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify and respond to further potential Covid-19 cases. And, the district will continue to require masks, enforce social distancing measures, disinfect all surfaces daily, will emphasize handwashing and will continue to communicate all cases affecting the school district.

Thank you for your help during this very difficult time. We cannot be a successful school district without the collaborative partnership shared with our parents/guardians.

Kind Regards,

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