



September 21, 2020

Dear Parent,

We are 5 weeks into the school year and remain Covid-19 free. Now is not the time to let up...

**'Tis the season! Stay alert to changing symptoms.**

We are seeing a lot of cold, sinus, and allergies all of which share similar symptoms of Covid-19. If your student is sick, please keep them home. Report your symptoms to me as soon as possible so we can partner together to create a plan to return to school as quickly and safely as possible. Help us and please do your part to protect our students and school community from any and all illnesses.

Many parents have asked if DWS requires a negative Covid test to facilitate a return to school. Not necessarily. Once you email me your child's symptoms and exposure circumstance (which could include recent travel or social gatherings) we will come up with a plan of action. That could include the monitoring of symptoms at home, following up with your pediatrician, or getting a Covid-19 test. The main objective should be to stay in communication with me, and we will create a plan that fits the circumstance of your family.

**Helpful Recommendations:**

- Please wash face coverings daily to help reduce the spread of germs.
- As a reminder, virtual/distance learning is for long-term health related absences, specifically the following:
  - Families that have decided not to return to school at this time
  - Students that test positive for Covid-19
  - Students instructed to quarantine due to an exposure to Covid-19

Thank you for your continued support,

Lynn Gray  
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