

# School District of Pittsville



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Good evening,

As you are aware, there is a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases in our communities. As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, **it is vitally important to keep your children home from school if they or other household members are sick.** We understand this is inconvenient for your family, but when a sick child attends school and is positive, it exposes many other children and families to potential serious illness or worse. COVID-19 related loss of life has been experienced within our school and greater community.

Our Test to Stay program has provided an excellent option for close contacts to stay in school. Since the start of the program, over 700 days have been spent in school learning, instead of at home in quarantine. We offer PCR COVID-19 testing as a service to our students who are symptomatic and have been receiving results inside a 36 hour window.

Please keep your child home from school if they or another household member are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste, and/or two secondary symptoms of COVID-19. Please have them tested; and as usual, do not send your child to school with a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting.

Primary symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste

Secondary symptoms:

- Fever
- Muscle aches (Myalgia)
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Congestion, runny nose
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea

## **Current mitigation strategies**

- Face coverings are required on school buses and school provided transportation per federal order
- Student face coverings are optional in the buildings
  - If the HS student population reaches 5% positive (8 students) or the ES student population reaches 2% (8 students) masking will be required of all students in each respective building for 7 days and return to face covering optional when the percentages fall under the above benchmarks.
- Visitors during the school day, inside of the buildings, will be required to wear a face covering.
- Continue hand washing and respiratory etiquette practices.
- Social distance as possible.
- Follow County Health Department Guidelines for positive and close contacts as required by State Statute 252.
- Test to Stay is in place and available for close contacts who are non-symptomatic, non-household members.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information regarding TTS.

Please have plans to accommodate your children if they have to quarantine. Close contact children who are vaccinated with no symptoms do not have to be quarantined.

Our primary focus will always be to serve the best interest of all students. Our school district's COVID-19 Dashboard is available at [pittsville.k12.wi.us](http://pittsville.k12.wi.us). Data from our school learning community will drive our decision making and there will be changes as we learn more about how our learning environment is impacted by COVID. Your continued patience and support are appreciated.

Our best for their best.

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