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Good evening,

The purpose of this communication is to share the Fall 2021 Start Plan as related to COVID-19. The District is aware of the many challenges and feelings people have regarding how school is opened, what is expected, and how operations will change and evolve as we continue to address the changing presence of COVID-19. We will continue to do our best to serve all students and keep our doors open while keeping the best interest of our students as the primary focus.

Our school district's COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated at least twice per-week and is available at 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.

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. We are working with a state assigned testing lab to set up onsite testing which will be similar to our testing last school year for students and staff on-site experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

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

Fall start

- Face coverings are required on school buses and school provided transportation per federal order
- Student face coverings are optional in the buildings (with the exception below); parents and students may choose to wear a face covering
 - If there is reasonable information to conclude the existence of secondary infection or community spread to a non-household identified close contact, the District will require face coverings for all students for a period of 7 to 10 school days. Face coverings will become optional if there are no additional secondary infections or community spread within the school environment after this time period
- Staff face coverings are required when around students or other people in the building and will be optional when outside and socially distanced
- Visitors 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

Please have plans to accommodate your children if they have to quarantine as a positive or close contact. Quarantine procedures for unvaccinated have not changed from last school year and have changed for vaccinated per County Guidelines. Vaccinated, no symptoms, close contacts do not have to be quarantined. They will need to wear a face covering until after day 14 or receive a negative COVID-19 test on days 3-5. For staff there would be no change unless face coverings become optional.

Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) and Acellus Academy will provide virtual learning for those who choose to be fully virtual. If you choose this option, you are committing to a full semester. Both provide teachers, curriculum, and grading. Please contact RVA directly at <https://ruralvirtual.org/student-enrollment> to register or be placed on their waiting list. If there is no space for your child you may contact your school office to be put on a list for Acellus Academy. We are in the process of establishing our account with them and will receive further instructions for student registration very soon.

The USDA Summer Meal Program has been extended and will provide free breakfast and lunch for district students under 18 years of age.

Your continued patience and support are appreciated as we all enter the 2021-'22 school year.