November 4, 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

The District tracing data continues to show the staff’s effort to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 within our buildings. The mitigation strategies are working as outlined in our Tiger Launch Plan thanks to the tremendous effort by our students, staff, and families. However, we cannot let our guard down. We need to continue to be vigilant in keeping ourselves socially distanced when possible and wearing our masks at all times. We continue to provide a 5-day a week, face to face learning model for all students in the SDNR. The following includes a data point update for the District.

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<th>School District of New Richmond COVID-19 Totals</th>
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<td>Current Student Active Cases out of 3,500 Total Students</td>
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<td>Current Staff Active Cases out of 450 Total Staff Members</td>
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<td>Current Close Contacts Required to Quarantine</td>
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<td>School Transmission using District Tracing Data</td>
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<td>Year to Date (YTD) Positive Student Cases since 7-6-20</td>
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We also want to address a concerning belief of intentionally contracting COVID-19 to be unsafe and irresponsible. While students who test positive can be asymptomatic or experience minimal symptoms, we’ve seen otherwise healthy young people across the country be hospitalized. The long-term effects of COVID-19 are still largely unknown. Willfully spreading the virus places everyone you meet, particularly our more vulnerable family and community members, at higher risk. As a reminder, as part of the Tiger Launch Plan, if we are forced to change our learning environment and go remote we will also be forced to cancel athletics and extra-curricular activities at all levels.

We have overwhelmingly heard that families want to continue the current face-to-face educational experience as safely as possible. The staff is tirelessly working seven days a week to continue with this learning model with respect to preparation and tracing. However, we need your help as the transmission is happening outside the District walls due to various reasons. **One important reminder is if anyone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 all SDNR students of that household must quarantine until the results are known and are not allowed to attend school.**

The following are other important District reminders for your information:

- Winter is coming, please review the following [SDNR Winter Weather Procedures 2020-21 (Parents)](#)
- [SDNR Individual Distance Learning Waiver](#). This document will be sent out in the coming week.
- [Middle School Winter Sports Spectator Guidelines](#)
- Please view our updated [SDNR COVID-19 Student Triage Form (10-28-20)](#)
- Visit the [SDNR Spiritwear](#) site if interested in any apparel.
October was National Principals Month

- Through visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student, principals guide and support their buildings in so many ways day after day. Please also check out the video of students and staff also sharing their gratitude to our building leaders! Click the following link to view the 2020 Principal Thank You

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Update

- CDC COVID-19 vaccine communication resources: Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed around COVID-19 vaccine planning, recommendations, and safety monitoring. Also attached is a list of 10 things health care professionals need to know about COVID-19 vaccination plans
- Last week, CDC reported that there are no significant delays reported in national flu vaccine supply or distribution, but high demand for vaccine in some places may mean providers run out of vaccine before their next shipment arrives. Please help us encourage the public to call providers ahead of time to make sure vaccine is available. We are also encouraging the public that they may need to contact more than one location in their area to find vaccine and can use VaccineFinder to find a location.

COVID-19 Testing Protocol

- HealthPartners website that staff and parents can use to sign up for non-contact tracing testing: Click Here:
- If a patient has symptoms, they will be directed to schedule a video or in person visit before getting a test.
- If a person has had contact with a COVID-19 positive person or someone with symptoms, you can schedule a COVID-19 test without a visit. If you tried that today, you could get in as soon as tomorrow at 9am for a drive-up test in Stillwater. Other items for consideration:
  - Schedule your COVID-19 test within 5-10 days of your exposure to get accurate results
  - Whether you test positive or negative for COVID-19, you must stay quarantined for 14 days after the day you were exposed
- Want to be tested for school, college, camp or sports and have been seen by an HP doctor in the past 3 years you can schedule a COVID-19 test without a visit. If you tried that today, you could get in as soon as tomorrow at 9am for a drive-up test in Stillwater. If an HP doctor has not seen you, a video visit would be required.
- An urgent care walk in visit at Westfields because of symptoms. 7 days per week, 8-8 M-F, 8-5 Sat-Sun.
- COVID-19 testing for exposures is recommended 5-10 days after the exposure to get accurate results.
- For County Contact Tracings, if the student or staff is being tested due to County requests, Westfields will reach out to schedule an in-person test at Westfields once the test is requested.
- Free COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing Sites in St. Croix County
  - St-Croix-County-Drive-Through-Testing-Flyer
  - FREE COVID-19 TESTING IN ST. CROIX COUNTY
  - St-Croix-County-Covid-19-Testing-10-19-20
  - COVID Testing - How to Register
District Communications Summary

- SDNR 2020-21 Tiger Launch Guiding Principles and Plan Overview (BOE 7-20-20)
- SDNR Tiger Launch Plan 2020-21(8-13-20)
- SDNR Outbreak Guidance 8-28-20
- SDNR Returning to School COVID-19 Parent Information Sheet (8-30-20)
- 2020-21 SDNR Welcome Back Message (Parents-Students) 9-2-20
- SDNR Mask and Face Coverings for Sale
- SDNR Mask/Face Covering Requirements (9-10-20)
- SDNR COVID-19 School Based Exclusion (9-10-20) (New)
- SDNR Daily Symptom Check
- NRMS 2020 Fall Sports Spectator Guidelines (9-11-20)
- NRHS 2020 Fall Sports Spectator Guidelines (9-11-20)
- SDNR Tiger Launch Plan Update (Students and Parents) 9-12-20
- SDNR COVID-19 School Based Exclusion (9-17-20)
- SDNR COVID-19 Student Triage Form (9-18-20)
- SDNR Tiger Launch Plan Update (Students and Parents) 9-18-20
- 2020 SDNR Welcome Back Letter (Staff)
- SDNR Late Start Announcement (Students and Parents) 9-28-20
- SDNR Tiger Launch Plan Update (Students, Staff, Parents) 10-3-20
- SDNR Tiger Launch Plan Update (Students and Parents) 10-22-20
- Middle School Winter Sports Spectator Guidelines
- SDNR Winter Weather Procedures 2020-21 (Parents)

Finally, we would like to thank everyone that has taken the time to email, call, stop by, post on social media, and more, all the comments of support and gratitude for our staff during this challenging time. Our staff are doing everything in their power to create the best educational experience as possible during this pandemic. These positive comments and words of support mean more than you realize for our staff…..keep them coming!

Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson
District Administrator