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"Home of the Warriors"



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September 29, 2020

Deer River Public Schools Families:

We were notified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of a single positive student case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) at King Elementary on September 29. No students have been identified as close contacts per the MDH protocol, however you should still monitor for symptoms of illness. Other students do not need to stay home unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, stay home and consult with your physician to determine if medical evaluation is needed.

If your child starts feeling ill, isolate at home and away from other household members as much as possible right away. The main symptoms to watch for are fever, cough, difficulty breathing, muscle aches, feeling tired, loss of taste or smell and diarrhea and vomiting. For more information on what to do if you become sick visit the MDH website [If You Are Sick: COVID-19: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html)

MDH does not specifically recommend that non-close contacts be tested for COVID-19 at this time. However, in addition to local testing options there will be another mass testing event available to the public at the Bemidji Armory. The dates are September 29 through October 1 with hours of operation from Noon to 6:00 p.m. The event is free, open to anyone regardless of income, insurance, symptoms or exposures to COVID-19. Registration is available at <https://www.primarybio.com/r/bemidji>

You may call the Minnesota Department of Health as needed with concerns or questions at 612-268-4569.

General COVID-19 resources that you may find valuable are:

- MDH Coronavirus: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>
- MDH If You Are Sick: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html>
- CDC Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

This week we have been reinforcing the best practices that we can maintain in the schools to minimize close contacts. Please take similar precautions to help keep our students healthy and available for in-person learning and activities.

Sincerely,