



BURLINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families,

With the tremendous amount of coverage that Coronavirus is getting nationally in the media, we felt it critically important that we let you know that the Burlington Area School District is closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and is in communication with Central Racine County Health Department. **Currently, there are NO cases of the Coronavirus in the Burlington Area School District.** Further, to our knowledge, no students, staff or families have traveled to areas with known outbreaks. We have provided links (below) to help you stay informed about the Coronavirus.

Will BASD close schools?

If the coronavirus risk within the region escalates, the district will, in consultation with the Central Racine County Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Public Health, take measures to protect Burlington Area School District students and staff.

The district daily monitors all absences due to illness. If illness were to ever impact a school to an extent that it prevents normal operating procedures (for example, not enough staff or substitutes available to operate), the administration would need to consider temporarily closing the school. Similarly, the administration could also close a school if illness endangers the health of students and staff (for example, to reduce the spread of disease and to clean a building). In the event that schools need to close, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction, the Burlington Area School District will determine the best course of action to meet educational requirements.

School closures would be announced in the same fashion as weather cancelations. The school calendar would only need to be altered if the number of school closure days exceeds the extra days built into the annual calendar.

When should my ill child stay home?

This link provides guidelines to families on when to keep a child home due to illness. There are other resources available on the [district's health services page](#) (see the right-hand column under "Helpful Information.") As stated in the annual notices, families should notify the school health office of any communicable disease a child may have. We work closely with the health department for communicable disease management and we will adhere to their guidelines regarding the child's return to school.

General Disease Prevention:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

Links on from the [BASD Health Services webpage](#):

- [General Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) information with links](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Fact Sheet](#)
- [Outbreak Updates](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Again, at this point, the risk to Wisconsin school children remains low. We will continue to update families as we learn more. If you have any further questions or health concerns, please contact Jill Sheeley, RN, Director of Health Services at (262) 763-0210, your personal family physician, or the Central Racine County Health Department at (262) 898-4460.

Sincerely,

Jill Sheeley, RN
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