

Dear Port Washington-Saukville School District Families,

As we are nearing the start of the 20-21 school year, I want to provide you with some updates and reminders regarding our health and sickness protocols. The current COVID-19 pandemic has presented all of us with challenges and I want to reassure you that the Port Washington-Saukville School District is working as a team to follow the recommendations and guidelines put forth by the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. We are asking you all to be part of that team to help keep our community healthy!

Attached to this email you will find the COVID-19 Student Illness Tracking Tool. Please use this tool as an assessment for your child(ren) every morning to determine if it is appropriate to send them to school in-person. We are also asking all staff members to use this tool as a self-assessment prior to coming to our buildings. If your child needs to stay home based on responses to this tool, please provide that information when you call in their absence.

In addition to families using the COVID-19 Student Illness Tracking Tool to determine if their child(ren) should attend in-person classes, please be aware that we will also be using this tool at school when a student presents to the health room. If your child develops one of the symptoms from Part 1 (or two of the symptoms from Part 2) of this tool, he/she will be sent to the quarantine room and will need to be picked up as soon as possible. This tool was developed directly from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidelines and we will update it if recommendations change.

We are working very closely with the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department to determine quarantine and isolation timelines, and are following their protocols to calculate the date an individual who is COVID-19 positive or identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case can return to in-person school. Again, we will keep our practices current to the recommendations of our health departments.

We know this is a lot to digest. Please know that we are doing our best to provide a safe school environment and are so looking forward to having your kids back in school, even if it does look a little different this year!

Please feel free to contact me with questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

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