



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bruce, Flambeau, Ladysmith and Our Lady of Sorrows School District Families

**FROM:** Mr. Jeremy Jacobs, Rusk County Health & Human Services Director/Acting Health Officer *444*  
Mr. Pat Sturzl, District Administrator, School District of Bruce *Pat Sturzl*  
Mrs. Erica Schley, District Administrator, School District of Flambeau *Erica Schley*  
Mrs. Laura Stunkel, District Administrator, School District of Ladysmith *Laura Stunkel*  
Ms. Mary Cormican, Principal, Principal, Our Lady of Sorrows *Mary Kelly Cormican*

**DATE:** December 29, 2020

**RE:** Rusk County Public Health's Quarantine Recommendations for Exposure to COVID-19

On Tuesday, December 22, 2020 all Rusk County School Districts met with the Rusk County Department of Public Health to consider and adopt the new quarantine recommendations for exposure to COVID-19.

Based on the incubation period of COVID-19 best practices for close contact quarantine is 14 days. We acknowledge that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Wisconsin Department of Health Services have allowed alternatives to shorter quarantines. However, in order for the two alternative strategies to be acceptable, strict conditions must be met: 1) Daily symptom monitoring must continue, 2) Remain asymptomatic, 3) Must adhere strictly to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions including consistent mask use, social distancing which includes physical contact and avoiding gatherings.

In reference to number three above, for school districts, this means students cannot participate in activities including classroom instruction, athletics, bussing, before school or afterschool programs, and other extracurricular activities where proper physical distancing (6 feet) cannot be maintained for 14 days. Therefore, all Rusk County School Districts will maintain a quarantine time of 14 days for all students.

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For more information on where to go to be tested for COVID-19:

- The closest locations in Rusk County are Prevea Health Center – 715-532-0203 and Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith – 715-532-5561; or
- In Barron County call (507) 293-9525; or
- Your local provider; or
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm>