



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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September 16, 2020

Dear Bristol School Families,

A decision has been made to close the building beginning tomorrow, September 17th until Monday, September 28th as per the recommendation of the Kenosha County Health Department. The building will reopen on Tuesday, September 29th.

- **Virtual learning students should experience no disruption with their schedules.**
- **In-person students in grades 5-8 should be able to move to the virtual learning environment with minimal disruption. This will begin on Friday, September 18th; no instruction tomorrow, September 17th.**
- **In-person students in grades 4K-4 may experience more of a delay than the other grade levels with the move to remote learning. This will begin on Friday, September 18th; no instruction tomorrow, September 17th.**

Families will receive grade level communication in the near future from the teacher(s).

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

Rationale:

We were recently notified of three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at Bristol School. It is possible that additional people may have been exposed to the virus. The ability to provide necessary support services to effectively operate the school was greatly impacted, so it was decided to close school.

Individuals that have been determined to be in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by the health department. We want to be immediately transparent so that our community has increased awareness of the situation. Please review this link from the state health department for information and a tracking document for close contacts: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02598a.pdf> (DHS Form P-02598A).

Please monitor your student and family members for any COVID-19 symptoms including but not limited to: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headaches, diarrhea, etc. If anyone becomes symptomatic, please call your healthcare provider to alert them of the situation. Testing is encouraged and recommended. You can find the local Kenosha County testing sites by following this link:

<https://www.kenoshacounty.org/2058/COVID-19-Testing-Locations>

Information related to the positive people and their test results is protected health information and will not be shared with others without their consent. Inappropriate use of this information is a privacy violation under the law outlined in Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

The health and safety of the families and our community continue to be our highest priorities. We are continuing to assess this situation, work alongside the health department, and encourage you to follow any isolation/quarantine guidelines that are given to you by the health department. We will continue our best efforts to protect and support our students and families during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. David R. Milz
District Administrator